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Changing Flower Colors—Recent Earthquake Study—A Lake of Blood—Crop Forecasting—Passing of Languages—A Padded Stomach—The Fluid Lens—Aerial Distribution of Power—Automobile Agriculture.

The colors of vegetation are intensified by strong sunlight and a certain degree of coolness, as we see in the redness of northern apples and the deep tints of Alpine plants, and other conditions—such as the composition of the soil—have an influence. A recent attempt to color flowers artificially by chemicals added to the soil has been recorded by Henry Kraemer. Aluminum sulphate and potassium sulphate deepened the color of yellow roses, and tended to streak the petals of the white carnation with red, and ammonium sulphate, aluminum sulphate, iron citrate and citric acid brought out white streaks on scarlet carnations. The effects were too slight, however, to promise commercial importance.

The great earthquake catalogue of Comte de Montessus de Ballore now records 171,434 distinct shocks. The list confirms the already formed conclusions that earthquakes and volcanoes are independent, and that the former are most abundant in recent elevations, where the slopes are steepest and longest. Nine-tenths of the shocks have originated in one or two per cent of the earth's surface. Almost all have been distributed along certain lines, of which the most important are the great girdle of the Pacific, the line running from the Sunda Islands through Arracan, the Himalayas, Caucasus, and Alps to the western Mediterranean, and another running from the Caucasus through Central Asia to Lake Baikal.

Superstitious people formerly regarded with awe the turning red at long intervals of Lake Moret in Switzerland. Botanists have now shown that the phenomenon is due to a plant which propagates every tenth year, and which, though very minute grows so rapidly that the whole lake is soon turned crimson.

Strong evidence of a periodicity in the cereal crops of Eastern England, has been found by Dr. W. N. Shaw, director of the Royal Meteorological office, in the statistics for 1855 to 1905. A good year follows a bad one in very regular alternation, and a maximum average seems to be reached once in eleven years, with a minimum average at an intermediate period. In 1894, 1896 and 1898, for instance, the yield was abundant, while in 1893, 1895 and 1897 it was deficient. A year of greatest average was in 1885 and 1896—eleven years later—was another; and in 1880 and 1897 low points were reached. Dr. Shaw has noticed that there is an intimate relation between the rainfall of the autumn months and the wheat harvest of the following year. From such considerations he computed that the eastern counties of England would produce 31.9 bushels of wheat per acre in 1905, and the returns at the end of the season showed an actual yield of 32 bushels per acre.

Two languages have died out in modern Europe, according to Rev. W. S. Lach-Szyrna. In a recent paper to British archaeologists, he doubted whether anybody could fix the time of place when Prussian disappeared, for the death of a language may be a lingering and obscure one, but Cornish seems to have passed away in its English home in quite recent times. The last Cornish drama bears date of 1611. A considerable Cornish literature is preserved in manuscript and printed works, and the language has left its impression in the names of places and families. A few words, including the numerals, are still used by the miners.

A remarkable hair ball from the stomach of a young girl has been brought to notice by Prof. von Bramann of Halle. She had a habit of swallowing ends bitten from her long hair, forming in a bulky accumulation, though felt only as a slight pressure and when the mass was removed by an operation it was found to have shaped itself to the cavity, like a cast in a mold. Iron tonics had changed the light color to black.

The glass lens has been brought to a diameter of about five feet for astronomical purposes, but when of such size the cost is tens of thousands of dollars and several years of time. The Hungarian chemist who has at last made a successful fluid lens claims that it equals the glass product in performance. It consists of two curved plates of thin and unusually hard glass, between which is hermetically sealed the fluid substance, and the refractive power and other properties are so adjusted that the usual defects of lenses are overcome. Time and temperature do not affect the fluid, while the contraction and expansion are practically the same as those of the enclosing glass. A ten-inch lens that has hitherto cost about \$2,000 can be made by the new process for \$40 or less. The saving is even greater with larger sizes, and it is believed that, instead of having reached the highest possible limits, lenses can now be made three times as large as any yet produced.

In "Telekino," his new wireless method of transmitting power, Senor Torres Quevedo uses a Branly coherer, which, when struck by the electric

wave, causes and electromagnet to oscillate, and the vibrations affect an escapement which advances one tooth at each vibration. He has not only steered a crewless boat from shore, but has increased and slackened the speed at will. The trials are claimed to have been perfectly successful, and it is urged that the principle should be valuable in life saving apparatus as well as for directing torpedoes.

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Watch and See.
A well known horseman describes a fact in natural history which may not be generally known. It is that all four footed beasts in making the first movement in walking, running or any sort of forward motion always employ the left hind leg as a starter. Even a child if put down on all fours and bidden to advance in that position will make the first move with its left leg, its hands at the time occupying the place of an animal's fore legs.

An Accomplished Fact.
"Grandma, may I take that piece of chocolate you left on the table? I will be so good."
"Yes, you may take it."
The little girl does not move.
"Why don't you go and get it?"
"Oh, grandma, dear, I ate it first!"

Something He Had Forgotten.
Small Boy—Mister, kin you change a ten dollar bill? Mister—No, sonny. That belongs strictly to my wife's share of the domestic duties. I might have been able to change one long ago, but I'm clean out of practice now.

An Awful Stab.
"And you call this chair unique? Why, it isn't any older than I am!"
"Well, ma'am, that may be, but it's antique, all right!"—Houston Post.

Exaggerated.
A publisher advertises: "The Wives of Henry VIII." Third thousand." Surely there is some exaggeration here.—Punch.

The Congressional Library.
In its fine building the library of congress should be safe against destruction for many centuries. Fire has cost the world many of its greatest collections. It ruined the ancient Alexandrian library of the Ptolemies when the Christians sacked the temple of Serapis in the year 275. It cost the world thousands of ancient manuscripts that were stored in Constantinople when the Crusaders captured the city. Twice the library of congress has suffered by fire—first at the destruction of the capitol by the British in 1814 and again in 1851. In its present housing it is protected by every possible safeguard and directed in its development by the most expert of custodians. And with a sense of pride in which all Americans must share the nation has given to its foremost sculptors and artists the opportunity to enrich its walls with their works. It is a monument to American thought and learning, which must grow in value and significance with each year.—New York World.

His Excuse.
A Scottish parish minister met the laird's gamekeeper one day and said to him, "I say, Davidson, why is it I never see you in church?"
"Well, sir," replied Davidson, "I don't want to hurt the attendance."
"Hurt the attendance? What do you mean?" asked the minister in surprise.
"Well, sir, you see," replied the gamekeeper, "there are about a dozen men in the parish that go to church when I'm not there, and they would go preaching if I went to church."

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THE LEDOUX TRIAL.

Verdict of Murder in First Degree.

The Stockton Record says of the closing argument for the defense by Attorney Fairall.

The bombshell of the LeDoux case was fired off shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. It was probably the greatest surprise ever witnessed in any trial in this county and unless there has been some mistake in reading the testimony, the prosecution is hopelessly "barreled."

Attorney Fairall exploded the bomb just before he closed his argument. He read from the report of the testimony of the prosecution's witnesses that the defendant was last seen Friday evening at 5:30 o'clock with the deceased in Patterson's pharmacy, and that the deceased was last seen alive that evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Old Kirk saloon, that the defendant was not seen again until the following morning at 10 or 10:30 o'clock in Rosenbaum's when she was buying the trunk. That she went from there to the H. C. Shaw Company's and bought the rope, that she went from there to Breuners, where she remained until 11:30 o'clock, that she went from there to expressman Berry at 11:45; that she was again talking to Berry at 12:15 o'clock, and in the meantime he had got the suit case and delivered it, and the trunk in the hallway at the door of room 97 in the California house. A few minutes after 12:15 o'clock Mrs LeDoux is in Eckstrom & Smith's, where she remains for an hour. At 12:15 o'clock she is at the Wonder and she remains there about an hour. At 2 o'clock expressman Berry takes the trunk from room 97 to the Southern Pacific depot, where he meets the defendant again.

Between 11 o'clock and noon that same day janitor Dohrmann of the California house goes into room 97 and cleans it. He sees no trunk and no person or body. He finds the room deserted. The prosecution's expert witnesses testified that McVicar died a lingering death, consuming several hours.

Then, where was McVicar and where was the trunk when Dohrmann was in the room? Mrs LeDoux was out of the room and the hotel for an hour before the trunk was delivered that morning until the expressman took it with McVicar's body in it from the room at 2 o'clock that afternoon. When did she give him the morphine and where? When was he put into the trunk and where?

With these questions attorney Fairall finished his address to the jury. Then he turned to district attorney Norton and defied him to explain the mystery to the jury, and then he sat down.

Saturday morning district attorney Norton, like a clever baseball player, sacrificed one of his witnesses to gain a point. Theodore Dohrmann, the janitor of the California house was the man whose evidence was discredited. District attorney Norton said he was honestly mistaken as to the time he was in the room, and that instead of being in there between 11 and 12 o'clock, when he saw neither accused nor deceased, he did go in closer to 3, at which time the bed was made. According to the prosecutor there were at least two witnesses who testified that the bed was unmade up to 3 o'clock.

He read and reviewed the testimony of Hermann Englehardt, who was in the room about 12 o'clock and found the trunk there at that time. The testimony of Dohrmann was condemned by the district attorney throughout as mistaken in his evidence.

The proposition presented by the defense that McVicar died through the administration of a quick poison, and was dead when put in the trunk was taken up fully and ably by the speaker. He attempted to show by the trunk itself that the pools of blood had formed while it was not in a position as to allow the blood to flow from a ruptured vessel by gravitation. The evidence and experiments of the experts were here called upon in the effort to show the truth of the assertions. Many of the propositions presented by the defense were taken up in like manner and unerringly argued by the attorney.

During his argument district attorney Norton as is usual with any speaker, many times partook of water to lessen any irritation of the throat. On the table near him were setting three glasses one containing a solution of carbolic acid and water, another carbolic acid and whiskey and the third clear water. While still speaking he reached for the glass of water but instead found the glass containing carbolic acid and water. The mistake was noticed in time to prevent either a tragedy or serious illness.

While discussing the "dull thud" heard by Mrs Van Landingham near noon of Saturday, March 24th, district attorney Norton opened the stained trunk and holding the suitcase some distance above it, let it drop that the jury might have some conception of what Mrs Van Landingham meant when she referred to the "dull thud" which the prosecution claims was the body of McVicar falling into the trunk under the guidance of the hands of Mrs LeDoux. The subtle cunning of Mrs LeDoux was often referred to during the argument. It was claimed that she was a worldly woman—smooth, cool and calculating.

The jury, composed of August C. Ritter, W. C. Schuler, Thomas Hughes, L. C. Hunting, Thomas R. Robbins, John B. Sprengler, Andrew J. Laud, J. A. Drace, O. C. Dustin,

Charles M. Carlson, B. F. Pope and W. H. Locke, was placed in the custody of the deputy sheriffs at 2:23 yesterday afternoon, at which time judge Nutter had concluded his brief recital of law, and instructed the jury the case was then in its hands for determination. Three hours rolled by and still the room remained filled. At about 5:45 judge Nutter announced that a recess would be taken until 7 o'clock and that until then no verdict would be received.

Shortly after 7 o'clock the courtroom was again opened and in a few moments speedily filled with anxious spectators determined to hear the final outcome, if there was one. Many believed that there would be a disagreement by reason of the fact that the jurors had remained silent so long. Few, hardly a person, could be found who would countenance the argument of a possible verdict of a tenor as to allow hanging.

About 9:15 o'clock, as the defendant, pale faced and haggard, sat beside her attorneys, who had made such a brilliant and clever fight for her life, a sudden and boisterous noise, as if of applause, broke from the direction of the jury room. No person in the court surmised that some of the jurors held out for life imprisonment during the entire six hours of deliberation and finally had switched to the death penalty and were being applauded for their act by fellow jurors. The applause was so uncontrolled and of such duration that it was heard by all, even the busy populace passing on the streets below.

It was soon learned that a verdict had been reached. The jury filed solemnly into the courtroom and adjourned itself in the box. The spectators leaned forward as if in the effort to read from the faces of the jurors the verdict. The least concerned, in fact the calmest person in the room, was the convicted murderer, Mrs Emma LeDoux. She was "cool—a most remarkable person." District Attorney Norton, with his assistant, George F. McNoble, being present, and the court ready to transact business, judge Nutter asked the jury if it had arrived upon a verdict. W. H. Locke, as foreman, answered that it had, and passed the verdict to clerk Comstock. It was examined by judge Nutter before reading and then delivered again to the clerk.

Silence was profound—the smallest fraction of a second seemed like an hour. With drooped eyes, yet anxious expression, Mrs LeDoux remained unmoved. Clerk Comstock, standing before his desk, faced the jury, and in a slow voice read the terrible verdict to the jurors. "We, the jury in the above entitled cause, find the defendant, Mrs Emma LeDoux, guilty of murder in the first degree."

Mrs LeDoux held up bravely under the strain and the only action or sound to mar the calmness was a spasmodic "Ugh," followed by the black gloved hand placing the white handkerchief to the face as she straightened her head and threw back her shoulders as if in challenge to the verdict and its makers.

Mrs Charles Crocker, who has been Mrs LeDoux's companion while in court during the trial, leaned over and placing her arm around the dark clothed little woman, kissed her many times, telling her to be brave, that the fight for her life had just begun. The attorneys in the case, particularly attorneys Fairall and Crocker, never changed a muscle of the face nor showed by the slightest quiver of the eye any feeling of disappointment they might have had in the verdict. As they fought for the life of the woman against every and overwhelming odds, gentlemanly and calmly, so they received the verdict.

"Is this your verdict, gentlemen?" answer. Judge Nutter then directed the clerk to record the same in the presence of the jury. After comparing the original with the record it was again read to the jury as it stood upon the record. Mrs LeDoux was herself again. She raised her veil and smiled as attorney Crocker approached her. Attorney Fairall came later and the convicted woman extended her hand to him as she thanked him, and as he encouraged her and told her that the battle for life had just commenced.

The convicted woman still remained in her seat, her breast heaving noticeably, while her attorneys remained about her. Two newspaper men approached her and asked if she did not desire to make some statement regarding the outcome of the case. With a placid smile, still calm, sitting in her chair as if mistress of all she surveyed, she dropped her eyes in meditation for an instant and then brightening showing a row of rather strong white teeth, answered with a sigh: "I—I think I'd rather not say. I have nothing to say." The interrogators withdrew in silence, not pressing their issue for an interview.

After the time for passing sentence was fixed for Monday, July 9th at 10 o'clock, Mrs LeDoux, a convicted murderer, arose from her chair unassisted and in charge of deputy sheriff Mark Smith, left the room in which the record of her past career was reproduced before her, and a mighty throng with its terrible surroundings, culminating in the verdict which means that her life must atone for the murder of A. N. McVicar. She walked from the room unflinchingly, apparently less concerned than at any time before.

Attorneys Fairall and Crocker, who have contested every step of the great and far-famed trial, announced last night that before the day for passing sentence they would move the court for a new trial, alleging many grounds

of merit. Be their motion denied they will appeal from it, reinforcing themselves with the bill of exceptions as it appears of record. Attorney Fairall claims he has a good chance to obtain a reversal of the verdict before the supreme court and will fight every step until there is nothing more to fight for.

He claims that the verdict of the jury, impliedly demanding the life of the frail woman, is one of the strongest points in his favor. Hanging is the penalty only in most grievous cases and where the doubt is abolished beyond all uncertainty. It cannot be recalled that a woman was ever hanged in the state of California. It is asked, will Emma LeDoux be the first?

Quaint School Answers.

Here are some assertions from compositions by American schoolboys: "Franklin's father was a tallow chandlerier." "The climate of North America is very embracing." "This song is in the key of B flat." "There are five bowels, a, e, i, o, and u." "The snow is painting the town white." "He lived in Cambridge-pork." "Man is in the muscular gender, because it denotes a mate." Question: "What is geography?" Answer: "Geography is round like a ball."

ORIENTAL COURTESY.

An Incident in Which Miss Anna Dickinson Figured.

Miss Anna Dickinson traveled everywhere independently and saw human nature in all of its moods. Writing to a woman friend once, she described a reception given by wealthy Chinamen in a restaurant kept by Chi Lung in San Francisco, and she was the guest of honor. She said that she saw a servant coming toward her with a box divided into many compartments, with different kinds of nuts and candies in the smaller trays. She picked out half a dozen or more and laid them on the arm of the chair, which served as a table. As the attendant passed on to others she saw that each took only one bonbon, and she was much embarrassed.

But when the servant approached the chief Chinaman, the one who had originated the reception, he took a large handful, and those after him did the same, and then Miss Dickinson felt relieved. She wrote:

"After I learned that I must have shocked all of those educated, cultured Chinamen as much as you or I should have been shocked if we had invited a Chinaman whom we respected to dine with us and he had taken a whole fried chicken and torn it limb from limb at our table. In such an event would you or I have had the tact and courtesy to have taken other chickens and thus dismembered them?"

A SELFISH MAN.

The Prayer He Addressed to the Throne of Mercy.

The following example of a quaint and selfish prayer does not come from the liturgy; it is from "Glimpses of Ancient History." "O Lord, thou knowest that I have nine estates in the city of London and likewise that I have lately purchased an estate in fee simple in the county of Essex. I beseech thee to preserve the two counties of Middlesex and Essex from fire and earthquake, and, as I have a mortgage in Hertfordshire, I beg of thee likewise to have an eye of compassion on that county, and for the rest of the counties thou mayest deal with them as thou art pleased. O Lord, enable the bank to answer all their bills and make all my debtor good men. Give prosperous voyage and return to the Memorial ship, because I have insured it, and, as thou hast said the days of the wicked are but short, I trust in thee that thou wilt not forget thy promise, as I have purchased an estate in reversion which will be mine on the death of that prodigal young man, Sir J. L. Keep my friends from sinking and preserve me from thieves and housebreakers and make all my servants so honest and faithful that they may attend to my interest and never cheat me out of my property night or day."

An Example of Daring.

During the hottest fighting in the Shinkai pass the leading battalion of the Russian General Dragomiroff's division recoiled before a hailstorm of Turkish bullets. The general was a very stout person and had the appearance of a peaceful German professor. But when he saw his men recoil he dismounted and walked slowly to and fro along a ridge swept by the enemy's bullets. He was a hum-drum fellow in advance of the men, occupying the position they had abandoned. After staying there for awhile without being touched he shouted back to the battalion: "What are you doing, you geese? Did you think there was danger here? I don't find any!" The men responded with a roar of cheers, doubled up to him and charged so fiercely that the Turks were forced to retreat.

Why Bands Help Marching.

All men who have any appreciation of music feel prompted to step in time to a march tune, and music on the march therefore substitutes a new and pleasant stimulus to exertion for the monotonous and somewhat dreary one of keeping place in the ranks. It is well known that weariness is, as a rule, not the product of the mind or of the body but of the muscles of the body do not tire half so soon as the nerve centers which move them. Music, by bringing a fresh nerve center into play, will often banish all sense of weariness and will even sometimes afford rest to the usual nerve center, so that when the music ceases the soldier feels fresher than before it began.

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Freaks of Disease.

No medical man needs to be told that even disease has its freaks, and that recovery has occasionally been brought about by means inexplicably trivial. One of the most remarkable of even these unaccountable eccentricities of disease has taken place within the past few days at Halver, in Westphalia, says the London Globe. The case was that of a boy who, as the result of a very heavy fall backwards on his head while skating, had for a year and a half been absolutely deaf and dumb. One morning his brother went to awake him and, finding him sleeping heavily, tapped him lightly on the forehead. To his amazement the deaf and dumb boy awoke with a loud cry. Both speech and hearing had been restored.

Symbols of Trade.

In Scotland it was for a long time usual to place on a man's tombstone the symbols of his trade. Especially was this the case at Dunblane, where, in the burial ground of the abbey, it has been found that of those tombstones which are from 100 to 200 years old about one-fourth are thus marked, the symbols being in relief.

Quite Feeble.

"I suppose you're going to Dr. Mason's funeral, grandpa?"
"Oh," snarled the infirm old man, "don't talk to me about other people's funerals. It's as much as I shall be able to do to get to my own."—Exchange.

A Close Father.

She—You must ask father for his consent. He—He won't give it to me. She—Why not? He—He's too close. He never gave anything to anybody in his life.

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NOT SEEKING CHARITY.

There is a disposition in some quarters to criticize San Francisco for appealing for assistance to the federal government in the rebuilding of the city; that the time has come to quit begging; that California should not be thus placed before the world as a mendicant, and an object of charity. We see no grounds for such strictures. If ever an afflicted city was justified in asking for aid from a parent government that city is San Francisco. No city of equal size in the world's history has ever before been so prostrated by disaster. The change from one of the proudest to the meekest of earth is staggering in its suddenness and completeness. It does not involve any sacrifice of honor to candidly acknowledge that between earthquake and fire the burden of reconstruction is too great to be borne by the people of that city alone. San Francisco has ever been one of the most generous and open-hearted of cities. She has always been to the front in the relief of other stricken cities. We see no humiliation in this hour of her terrible disaster,—in appealing for help. She has broken the record in calamity, but the spirit of her people is by no means either broken or humbled. She is not seeking charity, but merely aid in loan of funds to enable her more rapidly to gain her feet and stand again erect among the world's greatest and most prosperous of cities.

HARMONY ABOVE ALL THINGS.

The Examiner of last Monday conveys the idea that there is likely to be a factional fight in the republican ranks of Amador county over the gubernatorial nomination. That one side will range itself for the re-nomination of governor Pardee, and the other in favor of a delegation for Gillett; that a bitter feud is not improbable as the outcome of the contest. The Ledger does not believe that there is likely to be any serious squabble over that issue. There is nothing to be gained, and much to be lost from a party standpoint in forcing such an issue to the front. Pardee, it is true, has some strong opponents in the county, he also has some strong advocates. Precisely the same may be said of Gillett. The rank and file will be satisfied with either one as the standard bearer. Governor Pardee may not be sold with the political manipulators of the party. It must be said of him, however, that he has made a good governor, and stands well with the masses. Gillett has served his constituency equally well as congressmen, and is deservedly popular in his district. The Ledger cannot see how the intelligent republicans of Amador county can be drawn into a contest over such an issue. Really there is nothing in it worth fighting over. If there were a vital principle of right involved—a question between a fit and unfit candidate—there might be some excuse for engaging in a trial of strength within the party lines. But the principle is utterly lacking. And to start a fight without a just excuse would be folly, it not suicidal. The Ledger is opposed to dictatorial methods either one way or the other. It believes in a straight middle of the road policy—that delegates should be elected who are unprejudiced and unbiased by personal considerations, pledged to no one, and free to exercise their best judgment at the convention. We have county candidates to look after this campaign. It is highly important that harmony and good feeling should prevail in the party ranks for their sakes in the coming struggle for supremacy. Furthermore, the people of the county generally are more interested in local affairs—in securing an administration of the people and for the people—as against the interest of wirepullers and political schemers—than they are in the mere personality of the state ticket. The one touches us right at home; the other is not so pressing. Let us avoid all needless squabbles, and reserve our energies for the home campaign. By so doing, we believe, we shall best promote both state and county interests.

The democratic state convention has been called to meet in Sacramento on September 11. Amador county is entitled to six delegates.

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Weak Hair

Those Who May Not Vote.

How many kinds of people are not allowed to vote at state elections? Women in all states except Colorado, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming; idiots and criminals in most states; paupers in most states; Chinese in Oregon, Nevada and California; Indians in Mississippi, Montana and Nevada; Indians not taxed in Maine and Washington, and in Minnesota when they lack the "customs of civilization." Mississippi and Idaho exclude bigamists; Florida and Michigan bar duellists, and several states disqualify United States soldiers and sailors. Wisconsin excludes those who bet on elections, and this clause ought to include the silly forms of betting which entail riding in wheelbarrows and letting the hair grow.—Youth's Companion.

Republicans must be on their guard against the devices of democrats to retain their hold on the governmental machinery of Amador county, through the local offices. One of their schemes in this direction is to use every endeavor to get weak or unpopular candidates on the republican ticket. Some of them seem to think they are big enough to fix up the slate—or help in that direction—of both political organizations. All such fixing up, however, is for the interest of the democrats and against the republicans. Beware of such tactics. The republicans of Amador are as intelligent and capable as their political opponents, although, perhaps not so unscrupulous. Republicans are content to keep in their own boat. Now let them insist that the democrats shall attend strictly to their own affairs in this campaign. There is no republican big enough to run the party in this county to suit himself. Collectively the party can run its own business, and its chances of success will be much brighter by so doing, without suggestion or aid from the other side.

MOVING PICTURES OF

San Francisco Disaster at

Opera House Saturday June 30, '06

The California Amusement Company comes to Love's Hall on Saturday evening, June 30, with over 8000 feet of moving pictures of the terrible disaster of April 18, showing San Francisco before its dire calamity, during the fire and the pathetic subsequent scenes and incidents. All the sublime tragedies of the awful catastrophe vividly reproduced. The pictures are not slides, but wholesome, honest, genuine motion pictures, photographically perfect, bearing every evidence of authenticity, showing in splendid details the stricken city during the fire, and a complete view of the ruins. This company has the only moving pictures of Market street before the fire showing all the old familiar places and buildings. Your last opportunity to see Market street as you used to see it.

The company also has a hundred perfect slides of the celebrated Stanford University, showing this beautiful place before and after the earthquake, showing the awful havoc wrought by this terrible tremor. This company comes highly recommended, and with press clippings showing where they are turning the people away.

Mrs. Dean Liddy of San Francisco, the celebrated contralto, will sing the latest popular songs beautifully illustrated. The company has arranged to have as a special feature to provide additional amusement, a pig catching contest. A good sized live porker will be enclosed upon the stage at the conclusion of the performance, and will be given to the person holding the lucky ticket, which are given at the door. The person winning the pig must enter a pair of boxing gloves and must enter the pen and succeed in catching it. If the pig should fall to a lady, then it is up to her escort or friend to catch it for her. This creates no end of fun and amusement. Remember the company will be in Jackson but one night, and this is positively your last chance to see the best show on the road. The prices are within the reach of all. General admission 35c. Children 25c. Reserved seats 50c. Reserved seats on sale at Hubner's Drug Store.

A meeting of the democratic county central committee was held in Jackson on Saturday last, at which it was decided to call a convention for the nomination of county officers in Jackson on September 8.

The republican state convention has been called to meet September 5, in Santa Cruz. Amador is entitled to five delegates.

Mrs. A. M. Gall left Thursday morning for Stockton, where she will remain with her mother until Saturday. She will then go to Napa, to spend the Fourth of July.

DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

The following instruments have been filed for record in the recorder's office since our last report. We publish a complete list of documents recorded, and must decline to accede to any request to suppress any document from these columns. Don't ask us to do so.

Cancellation of agreement—Harnish to Nichols.

Order—Estate of Charles W. Trotter; confirmation of sale of real estate recorded.

Mortgage.—Rhetta Con. G. M. Co., to Stockton Savings Bank, the Bay State mine in 23-8-10 and adjacent property, \$2,500 to be paid after one day with interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum.

Deed of Trust.—Rhetta Con. G. M. Co., to W. W. Fitzgerald et al, the Bay State mine in 23-8-10, and adjacent property, \$45,323.36.

F. A. Giesse to the Rhetta Con. G. M. Co., 10.62 acres of mining land in 23-8-10, \$1.

Deeds.—Colburn Bourk et ux to Mary D. Page Watson et al, 31.52 in 27-6-11, \$2.

Jackson Dennis to Wm. Eddy et al, lot 23 block 22 and east half of lot 14 block 22, Sutter Creek, \$10.

Robert B. Jones to Orrie Jones, an undivided one-half interest in 40 acres in 34-6-10, \$10.

Reconveyances.—W. W. Fitzgerald et al to Rhetta Con. G. M. Co., the Bay State mine in 23-8-10, \$1.

W. W. Fitzgerald et al to Rhetta Con. G. M. Co., land in 23-8-10, \$1.

W. W. Fitzgerald et al to Rhetta Con. G. M. Co., the Bay State mine in 23-8-10 and adjacent property, \$1.

Satisfaction of Mortgages.—Bank of Amador Co. to Driscoll.

Williams to Matthis.

Matthis to Littlefield.

Locations.—Wm. J. Lessley locates the Bull Frog placer claim in Oleta district.

W. H. Lessley locates the Goldfield placer claim in Oleta district.

James Toop locates the Manhattan placer claim in Oleta district.

George S. Rule locates the Tonapa placer claim in Oleta district.

W. T. Robinson et al locate the Quarry claim on Mokelumne river near Electra.

Bills of Sale.—James H. Roberts to John Kaulett, and undivided one-third interest in the Hungry Gulch quartz claim in 23-6-12, \$50.

John P. Dee to John Kaulett, an undivided one-third interest in the Hungry Gulch quartz claim in 23-6-12, \$50.

Patent.—United States to Mary D. Page, 40 acres in 27-6-11 as agricultural land.

Townsite Deed.—R. C. Rust as Superior Judge to Annie E. Allen, lots 10 and 11 block 18, Sutter Creek, \$5.

Thought it was an Earthquake.

What was at first thought to be a very distinct shock of earthquake was felt in Jackson on Tuesday last about 1 o'clock p. m. The quake was such that those in upstairs rooms or offices ran out in many instances, alarmed at the unusual tremor. It was accompanied by a heavy rumbling noise. Windows rattled violently. The vibration appeared to be more in the air than in the ground. In no instance, that we have heard of was any motion of the earth itself noticed. Indeed, persons on the street and on ground floors of buildings did not feel it in the least degree. No movement was noticeable in the upper floors of two story buildings, or in brick walls of such buildings. At the same time, the rattle of windows and rumbling sound were more violent than was experienced in Jackson on the morning of the big earthquake on April 18, that did so much damage in San Francisco and other cities. It was of brief duration, lasting not more than a second or so. The movement, judging from the rattling and rumbling, seemed to be from south to north. A slight rain was falling at the time. No damage was done. It was the sharpest tremor of old mother earth, or of her atmospheric envelope, that Jackson has felt for a generation at least.

This earthquake explanation passed muster until several hours after, when a telephone message came through that a freight train on the Sierra railway had run off the track, and a car containing one and a half tons of dynamite overturned, causing the giant powder to explode. Two men employed on the train were killed outright. Portions of the train were blown miles away from the scene. The point of the disaster was four miles beyond Angels—37 miles from Jackson. And here the atmospheric concussion was so great that it seemed as if a mighty force had been hurled against exposed south side of buildings. People ran into the streets, excited and frightened. In Angels only four miles from the explosion, the shake was not felt to any considerable extent. That town lies in a depression, and hence the force of the explosion went over that city. In Stockton the effects of the explosion were very noticeable, although 70 miles away, and there it was attributed at first, as in Jackson, to an earthquake shock.

Independent Order of Foresters.

The Independent Order of Foresters held an open meeting in Odd Fellows hall last Saturday evening. There was a large attendance. Messrs. Frank E. Hand of Los Angeles, organizer, D. J. Davis, deputy supreme chief ranger and Judge R. C. Rust, chief ranger, addressed the meeting. On the following Wednesday the reorganization of Court Manzanita was perfected, with 25 charter members, which number is likely to be greatly increased within a short time.

Furniture for Sale.—I hereby offer for sale all my household furniture, consisting of parlor, dining room and kitchen articles. Will be sold cheap, on account of leaving. Apply on the premises to Mrs. Brees, Pitt street, Jackson.

The Ledoux Case.

Continued from page 1.

Foreman Locke stated that on the first ballot all had voted for guilty of murder in the first degree. Then the question of penalty was taken up. The jury voted six for life imprisonment and six for hanging. One by one the six came over to capital punishment. On the fourteenth ballot there were twelve votes for hanging.

On Monday last Mrs. Le Doux, who was convicted of the murder of A. N. McVicar, started the jailer, who transferred her to a new cell in the county jail, by handing to her attorney, C. H. Fairall, six one-quarter-grain tablets of morphine. The drug had been in her possession for some time and she refused to surrender it.

At the suggestion of her attorney she offered to turn over the drug to the sheriff's office. This course was followed. One of the tablets, however, fell to the floor and was broken.

Mrs. Le Doux has been removed from a cell on the west side of the jail, where she could see people passing, to a dark interior cell, where it will be impossible for her to communicate with any one except her attorneys. The officers say that they will not take any chances of her securing more morphine.

To-day she asked that a priest be sent to her, and all kinds of stories of a confession were circulated; but the priest was not admitted to the jail. Mrs. Head, the mother of the convicted woman, was also refused admittance, and left the city for her home without being able to bid her daughter good-by.

Thousands annually bear witness to the efficiency of Early Risers. These pleasant, reliable little pills have long borne a reputation second to none as a laxative and cathartic. They are as staple as bread in millions of homes. Pleasant but effective. Will promptly relieve constipation without gripping. Sold by F. W. Rubner.

SUPERIOR COURT.

HON. H. C. RUST, JUDGE.

J. D. Nichols vs. Ida May Nichols.

Interlocutory decree of divorce granted.

Estate of Phoebe A. Williams.—William Gilling, Theodore Schwartz, and V. Talenti appointed appraisers.

Estate of E. L. Rugue.—Hearing of petition for letters continued.

Estate of I. N. Friese.—Hearing of petition for letters continued.

Estate of Francesco Luporini.—Final account settled and allowed.

Estate of Josiah Gundry.—Ordered that certain funds in Peoples' Savings Bank of Sacramento be transferred from the name of Jabez Ninnis, as administrator to Jabez Ninnis as executor.

Estate of Chas W. Trotter.—Sale of real estate to W. F. Detert for \$100 confirmed.

Estate of Kate Tucker.—W. M. Tucker appointed administrator, on filing bond of \$100.

P. A. Holtz vs. G. A. Gritton, administrator and others.—Default entered.

Estate of C. W. Trotter.—Final account and petition for distribution filed; July 7 appointed for hearing same.

lone High School.

Word has just been received that the lone Union High school is on the list of accredited high schools of the state. This means that the lone school is of the same standard as any other high school, and that the pupils who are graduated there may enter the state university at Berkeley without examination and upon the same footing as pupils graduated from other high schools. The class graduated this year will be represented at the university this fall.

The sworn statement of the manufacturers protects you from opiates in Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar—the cough syrup that drives the cold out of your system. Sold by F. W. Rubner.

Unclaimed Letters.

Remaining in Jackson post office June 28:

M. Arrato, G. Cachino (2 and p.), Teresa Cipriano, C. Firna, George James, Mrs. Jas McMahon, Melann Nikochevich, Geo. Pimenton, Jovo Smarijak, Petar Siljevorich, Mrs. Samuel H. Smith, Mr Taniguchi.

Birthday Party.

Little Miss Cora Fuller entertained a party of her young friends on Saturday June 23, in honor of her 7th birthday, at her home near the Moore mine. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by the little guests, all being royally entertained by the little hostess.

Refreshments were served at 4 o'clock and after swinging and playing games, each little one returned to their homes much pleased with the days outing. Those present were Grace Kelly, Helen Kelly, Ialeen Newman, Theresa Poggi, Ida Clark, Loretta Newman, Janie Poppiano, Emaline Smith, Lillie Clark, Anna Conlon, Ruby Seaten, Bertha Holtz, Gerna Kirkwood, Verna Fuller, Cora Fuller, Selma Leonasio, Helen Leonasio, Marion Hurst, Ernest Holtz, Cecil Earl, Joe Murphy, Hilmer Earl.

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Nearly all other cough cures are constipating, especially those containing Opium. Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar moves the bowels, contains no Opium.

On Salary.

Unaffected by rotation in office, one group of government employees holds its position through all the storm and stress of party change. Independent of political influence or "pull," this little band performs its work in the peaceful certainty that nothing short of incompetency will cause a dismissal. The New York Sun gives an account of the post office cat brigade.

The brigade is one of the queer institutions of the postoffice building. It numbers about fifty extra good ratters—of all ages, sizes and colors, which room night and day in the large sub-cellars where the mail-sacks are deposited.

The up-keep of the brigade is provided for in special annual appropriation by congress. The cats kill thousands of rats every year. Their salary is raw meat, which is fed to them every morning, just enough to keep them in fighting temper and yet leave an appetite.

Big Tom is the captain of the post-office cat police force. He holds his office by natural right, for he is only two feet long and weighs fifteen pounds. He is continually on the watch to see that his cohorts are on post.

Occasionally one of them wearies of the constant night that reigns in the subcellars and slips upstairs. Then Tom is seen on one of his rare excursions in the upper world.

When the deserter is found, the chieftains at the door. After a moment of scratch, spit and yowl, the guilty one tucks his tail between his legs and goes trotting back to the subcellars and his duty.

Lemons, oranges, and bananas constantly on hand at Nettle's Mkt.

Returned from Eastern Trip.

Mr and Mrs C. Elwood Brown of Plymouth, left May 25th for Minneapolis, Minnesota, where Mr Brown has many relatives and old friends. En route they stopped in Denver. They returned by way of the Great Northern R. R., witnessing the disastrous effects of the floods in northern Montana, and visited Seattle and Portland. Mrs Brown was the accredited delegate from the Sorsos club of San Francisco, to the biennial at St. Paul, Minnesota, of the grand federation of Women's club from May 30 to June 9. She had been appointed a delegate from the California society of Colonial Dames to the biennial council of that national society at Washington, D. C., on May first, but was prevented from going on account of the San Francisco fire. She was a delegate two years ago to the biennials of both these national societies, also the annual congress of the Daughters of American revolution.

Pardoned by the Governor.

Governor Pardee has pardoned Eugene Sutherland, the pardon to take effect immediately. Eugene Sutherland was indicted by the grand jury of this county on the 23d of March, 1905, for the crime of felonious assault committed in lone, upon a girl 16 years of age. On the 20th of April he pleaded guilty to the charge, and was sentenced to five years in San Quentin—the lowest penalty for the offense allowed by law. He has served less than 15 months in prison. It is claimed there were extenuating circumstances that led the governor to act favorably upon a petition for his release.

BORN.

LUCOT—In Sutter Creek, June 22, 1906, to the wife of E. Lucot, a son. JOY.—In Sutter Creek, June 22, 1906, to the wife of Charles Joy, a daughter.

MARRIED.

BURRIS-PROFUMO.—In Jackson, June 21, 1906, by Superior Judge R. C. Rust, William A. Burris to Miss Kate Profumo, both of Sutter Creek.

LITTLEFIELD-KEFFER.—In Jackson, June 27, 1906, by Rev. C. E. Winning, Albert E. Littlefield to Miss Aliene W. Keffer, both of Plymouth.

DIED.

DOOLEY—In lone, June 23, 1906, M. Frances Dooley, aged 14 years, a native of California.

FRENCH—In Oleta, June 24, 1906, Mrs French, aged 76 years.

RELEASE—In Sutter Creek, June 25, 1906, William Trelease, a native of England, aged 38 years 2 months and 27 days.

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THE OLD GUARD.

Editor Ledger.—In 1856, Drytown was the only voting precinct in this county north of Amador City, and east of Oleta. In that year out of some 400 votes in that precinct there were only five votes for Fremont to wit: A. J. Gregg, J. F. Gregg, Dr. Casmer of Drytown, and a lawyer by the name of Curtis and another man whose name I have forgotten, who lived at Willow Springs. Casmer is dead. A. J. Gregg lives at Mill Valley, Marin county, I have lost track of the others. I think I am the oldest and first republican in Amador county, at least on this side of the county. J. F. Gregg.

Entertainment

Will be given by

Miss RIGHTER, Elocutionist

Of Livermore in

Love's Hall, Jackson.

On Friday Evening, June 29, 06

PROGRAM.

Musio - Selected.

Pantomime - Rock of Ages.

Trombone solo

Victory for a dentist

The Dandy Fifth

Musio - Selected.

Molly

Order for a picture

Vocal solo - Selected.

Poses and living pictures.

Doors opened 7:30 entertainment at 8 p. m.

Social dance after entertainment.

C. E. RICHARDS

Of Sutter Creek, hereby announces himself as a candidate for

COUNTY CLERK AND AUDITOR

Subject to the action of the Republican County Convention.

GEO. C. JENNINGS

Of Drytown, hereby declares himself a candidate for

COUNTY RECORDER

Subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

W. E. PROCTOR

Hereby announces himself a Candidate for

SHERIFF

Of Amador county, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

WM. G. SNYDER

Announces himself as Candidate for

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Of Amador county, subject to the decision of the Republican local Convention.

Notice to City Taxpayers.

NOTICE is hereby given that I will be in my office in the Marcella Building, on Court street, in the City of Jackson, Amador county, California, on and after Monday, June 25, 1906, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. for the purpose of receiving from property holders statements of property for assessment purposes for the current year. I will be there daily, except Sundays, between said hours, up to and including Monday, July 9, 1906.

J. J. GLAVINOVICH,

City Clerk and ex-officio Assessor of the City of Jackson.

Dated Jackson, June 23, 1906.

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Jackson, Cal.

TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL

This table gives the highest and lowest temperature in Jackson for each day, together with the rainfall, as recorded by self-registering instruments kept at the Ledger office:

Date.	Temp. L. H.	Rainfall	Date.	Temp. L. H.	Rainfall
June 1 (96)	50 78	0.00	June 17 (96)	48 90	0.00
2	50 72	0.00	18	53 91	0.00
3	51 68 0.01	0.00	19	50 89	0.00
4	55 67 0.11	0.00	20	50 92	0.00
5	53 70	0.00	21	51 90	0.00
6	43 77	0.00	22	53 89	0.00
7	42 77	0.00	23	50 99	0.00
8	42 78	0.00	24	57 89	0.00
9	57 78	0.00	25	53 80	0.00
10	54 82	0.00	26	52 80 0.80	0.00
11	51 80	0.00	27	52 60	0.00
12	45 78	0.00	28	44 80	0.00
13	47 79	0.00	29	50 80	0.00
14	46 78	0.00	30	50 80	0.00
15	49 78	0.00	31	50 80	0.00
16	49 84	0.00			

Total rainfall for season to date, 35.19 inches
To corresponding period last season 32.31 "

LOCAL NEWS

George Weller left for Sacramento Sunday on business.

Ice cream at P. Cuneo's to-morrow, and every day thereafter.

Attorney C. H. Crocker left for Colusa county Wednesday morning on law business.

Eugene Devan and sisters Esther and Margaret, left for San Francisco Wednesday on a visit.

Roy Justus left for Oakland last Sunday to join his mother, who on account of her health's sake is compelled to live near the coast.

Max Ladar and Jos. Glukfelt went to San Francisco on Sunday morning on business, to return the end of this week.

Mrs. Crocker, who was a constant attendant at the Ledoux trial in Stockton, went to New Almaden at the close of the case to visit her folks there for a few days.

Miss Annie Perovich, who has been visiting in Los Angeles, returned home Thursday night of last week.

Mrs. H. C. Lester and children left Saturday morning for Bakersfield, where Mr. Lester is employed for the Redick Bros.

Get the weak spots in your old narrow patches at Pete Picardo's.

John Skaggs, a pioneer miner around here in early days, but who has been for many years a resident of the eastern states, is here on a visit to the scenes of his early gold-hunting. He mined in 1853 in Jackson creek, and also around Volcano, and visited the latter town the first part of the week.

When you wish the finest flavored coffee and teas, remember that W. J. Nettie keeps only the best.

R. F. Phillips of Berkeley, is visiting his son, Dr. L. E. Phillips and family. Just before leaving the city in boarding a street car he sprained his left hand, which is considerably swollen and painful, and is carried in a sling.

Fred McCutchen of the Jackson Shoe Store, will leave next Sunday for Santa Rosa, where he intends starting business for himself as a barber. His place in the Shoe Store has been filled by Johnny Burke, who was formerly employed there as salesman.

J. F. Wilson, Dentist. Hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Phone—Office, 344; residence, Black 523; Jackson.

A. Lubimer, who is employed in taking orders and delivering goods for the Jackson Shoe Store in various part of the county, swore out a warrant against an Austrian in Plymouth last Saturday, on a charge of stealing a pair of shoes from the wagon. The accused was noticed getting on the wagon. Lubimer missed a pair of shoes, and at once reached the conclusion they had been stolen. A search revealed the articles hid away among the grass. The accused was taken to the Plymouth lock-up to await examination on a charge of petty larceny.

Mrs. Gritton, wife of treasurer Geo. A. Gritton, met with a painful accident a week ago last Sunday. In walking in the yard at her residence, she stumbled and fell. The force of the fall was sustained by her right arm, which was naturally thrown forward for protection. The result is a severe sprain of the wrist. The doctor says no bones are broken. The wrist has been very painful and swollen since, and it will take some time before it will be as well as before.

Wm. Tam and wife left for San Francisco Monday morning, taking with them their youngest boy, aged three years, for medical treatment at one of the hospitals in the city, probably the German. The child is suffering from some affliction of the spine, causing a roundness of the shoulders. It has been coming on for a year or more, and steadily growing worse. The local physician recommended a course of treatment as the only chance of a cure. Mr. and Mrs. Tam will probably remain for a couple of weeks.

A TERRIBLE FALL

A Miner Falls Over Half a Mile in the Kennedy Shaft—Literally Ground to Pieces.

The Kennedy mine, at the east shaft, which is 3000 feet deep, was the scene of a shocking accident last Friday night. It was about 11 o'clock, the men were coming off the afternoon shift. At the time of the accident, seven men were ascending the shaft, all standing on a plank, 2 x 12 inches, placed on top of the skip. This was the customary way of traveling. Often nine men will ride on the skip in this way. The ascent is made very swiftly, taking only about two minutes to reach the surface from the bottom. Owing to the swift motion it is impossible for the men to carry a light in making the ascent. They have to travel in darkness both in their upward and downward flight.

Chiesa, a young Italian, had been working that shift in the sinking operation below the 2850 level. His partner was Frank Beneditto, for whom he was tending chuck. Both were coming out at the same time. It is imperative in coming up to keep an erect position, as a movement of the head a few inches either way is apt to cause a collision with the timbers of the shaft. When about 150 feet from the surface those on the skip felt a sudden jerk and the plank upon which they were standing broke, letting them down upon the water kegs in the skip. They realized at once that something was amiss. Chas. Kohler, one of the seven, cried out "Stay with it boys." On reaching the surface, the inquiry was made, "Are you all here." Thereupon Frank Beneditto noticed that his partner, Chiesa, was missing. Three men consisting of John Mitchell, the foreman, Frank Beneditto and John Ferri descended the shaft on the sad mission of hunting for the missing man, realizing that he had in some way been pulled from the skip, and had gone down the awful abyss of the deepest shaft in the state. Not only this, but they also knew, that to get below the skip he must have passed through the narrow space of eight inches between the skip and the shaft, and that of itself meant a crushing of body beyond recognition. Only fragmentary pieces of the mangled body were recovered, scattered from where the accident occurred to the bottom of the shaft. It was the most shocking sight of mangled humanity that has been witnessed in Amador county.

How the accident happened is a matter of conjecture, although there is not much room for a diversity of opinion on this point. Chiesa, it is supposed, attempted to look up the shaft, or shifted his position so that either his head or shoulder came in contact with the centre brace. The swift moving skip crushed his body against the shaft and let it drop into the half mile of shaft below. Those on the skip heard not a moan or sound of any kind from the victim when he went to his death. He must have been killed instantly. He was 25 years of age, a native of Italy, and had been employed at the Kennedy for fourteen months.

Coroner Huberty held an inquest upon the remains the following day. The jurors were W. Tam, C. Siri, W. O. Green, H. L. Moore, C. M. Kelly, Max Ladar, Thomas Bolitho, V. Talenti, A. L. Meek and Theo. Schwartz. After hearing the testimony of four witnesses, Web Smith, John Mitchell, Frank Beneditto, Chas. Kohler and Henry Labarge, a verdict was brought in that deceased came to his death by accidentally falling off the skip.

The funeral took place on Sunday, many of the miners with whom the deceased had worked followed the sad cortege to the cemetery.

AMADOR.

Wm. Burns, who was called to Oregon by the death of his brother, returned Sunday evening.

Mrs. Wm. Steacy of Lodi, sister of Mrs. J. M. Hinkson, and Mr. and Mrs. Welch and little daughter, spent last week in Amador.

F. Williamson has purchased the residence occupied by Dr. Quinn, and has moved his family into it.

Mrs. Hansen and children, who have been the guests of Mrs. O. E. Martin for several weeks, returned to Marysville Saturday.

Mrs. C. Reeves and little son leave for Seattle Thursday morning, to make an extended visit. She will be accompanied to Sacramento by her husband and sister, Miss Hattie Hinkson. Miss Hinkson will visit below several weeks before returning home.

CAMP OPRA.

School closed yesterday with appropriate exercises excellently rendered. All the patrons of the school and quite a number of friends were present. In the morning they had a picnic followed by the literary exercises, and finally races, games and ice cream.

Saturday evening friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Horton met at their home, and had a most enjoyable time with music, games and dancing. There were thirty-two present. Mr. Jones brought his talk-o-phone with him. It is certainly a fine instrument, and he never tires of playing for the eager dancers.

James Condon is having a new house built here, previous to his departure for San Francisco on July 1. Our farmers are busy with their grain hay, and our fruit growers and pickers are busy with the berry crop.

MARRIED.

Last Wednesday morning, at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. C. E. Winning united in matrimony Albert E. Littlefield and Miss Alene W. Keffer, both of Plymouth. They will hereafter make Plymouth their home, at which place Mr. Littlefield is engaged in the farming industry.

SPRINKLING CONTRACT LET

The city trustees held an adjourned meeting last evening, at which all the members were present except trustee Tam.

The only business transacted was the letting of the contract to sprinkle the streets. Two bids were received, one from M. Newman and the other from H. A. Clark. M. Newman was awarded the contract, being the lowest bidder, at \$4.75 per day.

"Camping in God's country out of doors, or a vacation reminiscence," will be Rev. C. E. Winning's theme at the Methodist church next Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Usual morning service at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 2 p. m. All are welcome to these services.

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The old, original Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic. You know what you are taking. It is iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure no pay. 50c.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve For Piles, Burns, Sores.

A Serious Accident.

Mrs. F. M. Pense was the victim of a serious accident last Monday. A party of three had been organized that day for a trip at black berry picking near Butte mountain. The party consisted of Mrs. Pense, Mrs. Harvey Clark and Mrs. Harvey Pense. They were in a cart, driving a gentle and reliable animal. On their return trip they called at the ranch of James Ayvise, the home of Mrs. Harvey Pense's parents. Mrs. Clark here alighted to open the gate. Upon resuming her seat in the cart the lines became entangled in the horse's legs, and it commenced backing. Mrs. Pense, believing that an accident was imminent, jumped out, and in so doing sustained grave injuries. Her left leg was broken in two places below the knee, and her left arm was fractured near the elbow—also two fingers of the left hand were broken. The other members of the party escaped without injury. As soon as possible Mrs. Pense was conveyed to her home in Jackson, where the fractured limbs were promptly set the same afternoon. The misfortune will make it necessary for her to keep to her bed for the next two or three months, as the broken arm will make it impracticable for her to use crutches in the ordinary time.

High School Graduates.

The list of Ione Union School graduates, at the examination held June 22, 1906, is as follows:

Wesley Sibole, Mildred E. Isaacs, Laurence A. Fronty, Loren A. Hagley, A. Isabel Campbell, Edith Campbell, Aileen Jones, Veda B. Wood.

Hotel Arrivals.

Globe.—Mrs. R. C. Merwin, Sutter Creek; Mrs. A. E. Rought, Haywards; G. A. Castille, San Francisco; Dennis Madden, Amador City; W. F. Pennington, Sacramento; Leo March, St. Louis; J. McLaughlin, Electric; Rev. W. P. Grant, Lodi; T. S. Merchant, San Francisco; Geo. F. Mack, Ione; Dr. A. P. Griffin, Volcano; W. J. McGee, Sutter Creek; F. B. Joyce, Defender; Sam P. Ryley, Jas J. Ray, S. W. Bright, S. Row, San Francisco; Miss M. Schilling, Oleta; S. M. Sharp, Bert Littlefield and wife, Plymouth; V. A. Masgrove, Angels Camp; John Mathis, Plymouth; Ed T. Dawson, Ione; J. L. Cassels, Sutter Creek.

National.—E. E. Bonnell, Sutter Creek; W. H. Sheets, Stockton; Glenn E. Kirkpatrick, Sacramento; J. E. Kelly, Ione; Howard F. Jones, G. E. Hall, A. Delaphe, San Francisco; M. P. Werry, Electric; F. G. Morse, S. Sweet, B. L. Hathamney, W. H. Pinkham, San Francisco; H. Vaughn, Grass Valley; H. J. Brum and wife, Lockford; H. Hackett, San Francisco; J. Marchant, Ione; Chas. W. Caryl, Denver; W. J. Shortell, Sacramento; L. E. Aitken, San Francisco; C. Hammond, Alaska; John Hinkel, Berkeley; Ed S. Perrin, San Francisco; E. Kippahalm, Electric; D. C. Montgomery, P. G. Miller, San Francisco; A. W. Skaggs, Modesto; Cap. W. B. Webb, Leo A. Gray, H. B. Winter, L. E. Brown, San Francisco; Fred L. Johnston, Berkeley, T. G. Lyons, San Francisco; Miss B. Coolidge, Sutter Creek; Jas. Robertson, San Francisco; Jack L. Glazier, Omaha, E. D. Boydston, Volcano; W. F. Showler, Sacramento; Geo. Jenn, Drytown; Miss M. D. Wheeler, Plymouth.

Rev. Winning's Brother Heard From.

The mystery of the disappearance of Ernest Winning, a brother of the Rev. C. E. Winning, Methodist pastor of Jackson, has been partially cleared up. As stated in the Ledger two weeks ago, he disappeared from Watsonville on the 29th of May. That morning he started from Watsonville to Pajaro, a near by town, to make a collection, and suddenly disappeared. Last week he wrote to his wife from Kiamath county, Southern Oregon, over 500 miles from his home. He cannot explain how he got there. He was over 100 miles from the coast, and 40 miles from the railroad, clothing torn and worn out. He says that all he can remember is that after leaving Watsonville he was approached by two men, and was struck over the head, probably with a sand bag. From that time until he came to himself in the Oregon wilds is a blank. He had to inquire where he was, and the day of the month. It is supposed he was shanghaied on board a coasting vessel engaged in the lumber trade, and put on shore on the Oregon coast. Robbery was evidently not the motive, as he had no money with him at the time. As soon as he made known his whereabouts his relatives telegraphed money to pay his expenses home, and it was expected that he would arrive in Watsonville last night.

There will be holy communion service in St. Augustine's Episcopal church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

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MINING NOTES.

Defender.—Negotiations are in progress for the sale of this property—the most productive mine that has been developed in the Pioneer district. Some experts made a report to the intending purchasers about six months ago. This report we understand, was of a very favorable character. Recently two more experts were sent up to investigate and report, for the purpose of verifying the former report. These experts got through with their work last week, and departed for the city. They made a thorough examination of the mine. The parties looking into the proposition are moneyed men, already in the mining business, having several dredgers at work in the northern part of the state. If they decide to take hold, it will mean a thorough business-like method of mining. And those best acquainted with the situations there believe that the Defender would respond handsomely in product to such a plan of operations.

After Illegal Hunters

Chez Ardito indulged in an exciting chase after illicit dove shooters on Wednesday evening. The open season for doves commences Sunday next, July 1st. On Wednesday in the neighborhood of Froelich and Fritz ranches, on the Lancha Piana road, he ran across five hunters, who had evidently been bagging game out of season. Doves were there in droves; he never saw them so thick anywhere before, and if this were the sport they had been indulging in they could hardly fail to bag a goodly number. On seeing Ardito, who is deputy game warden, they ran toward Stony creek. He fired a shot in front of one of the fleeing men, but that reminder failed to arrest the fugitives in their flight. It was growing dark and the men made good their escape. Farmers complain about the depredations of hunters, and they are determined to make an example of some of the shooters if possible. Notices have been posted on the Froelich land warning hunters not to trespass.

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MORE LOCALS.

Autone Silva, an old timer of Jackson, who owned property on Main street thirty years ago, but who has been an inmate of the county hospital for the past few years, is confined to his bed in that institution, and critically ill.

A new comer, named John Mairan was arrested Wednesday evening for discharging firearms within the city limits. Marshal Jackson heard the report, and proceeded in the direction, found the defendant with the gun in his possession, in the rear of Rigne restaurant. He had been shooting at a target. He was taken before city recorder Thompson, pleaded guilty, and paid his fine of \$10.

Steve Ferrari and Ruffner went up last week to the mountains as far as Silver lake, to view the situation as regards the prospect for driving stock to their mountain ranges in that vicinity. They returned last Monday. They found five feet of snow on the level. Silver lake was frozen over hard. The season is more than a month behind last year. There is no cattle in the mountains beyond Ham's station, and it is thought it will be fully a month before the ranges around Silver lake can be used for pasturing stock.

Mrs. May Goldsworthy arrived from Grass Valley Thursday, called hither by the accident that befell her mother, Mrs. Pense.

The filling in of the flat bordering on the South fork of Jackson creek, in the rear of the Broadway hotel has been completed. The lot has been raised by the settling of the debris from the Zeila several feet. One day this week a horse belonging to Marooni of the hotel, strayed upon the soft new-made ground, and it was with great difficulty that it was extricated.

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Surprise Party.

Last Saturday evening a merry party of young friends surprised Miss Nellie Driscoll at her home. Dancing and singing were the amusements of the evening. Refreshments were served at midnight, and at an early hour in the morning all returned to their homes, having spent a very pleasant evening. Those present were Misses Esther Turner, Lena Felmeth, Luciea Mounter, Hilda Leek, Annie Lockinich, Bertha Mounter, Ora Angove, Nelly Driscoll, Emma Johns, Messrs Mark Eudy, John Johns, Wm. Denning, C. Dorman, and Frank Eudy.

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Keystone.

It is reported that the Keystone mine, one of the largest and oldest gold mines of the state, has been sold to the Bagdad-Chase Mining Co. of New York, for \$1,000,000 of which \$520,000 are said to have been paid. The Keystone mine is about 1,600 ft. deep, but the greater part of the development, consisting of upward of 10 miles of workings, is above the 900 level. The equipment consists of hoist and 60-stamp mill, motive power being furnished by electricity and compressed air. The Bagdad-Chase Co. is also operating the Soulsby mine at Soulsbyville, in Tuolumne county, under bond.—Scientific Press.

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Must Get Written Permit to Fish.

The authorities of the Standard Electric Company have thus early in the fishing season, reached the decision that hereafter, it will be necessary for fishing parties to secure a written permit before engaging in this sport at Tabaud reservoir. Heretofore permission has been given over the telephone and other ways. The person securing the permit may take a number of others with him. The man in charge at the reservoir had simply to take the word of the individual that he was clothed with the verbal permit. The privilege has been abused already; gates have been left open, signs torn down, and other petty annoyances perpetrated. Mr. Bragg has issued written permits, and some have been left with the game warden, Chez Ardito, in Jackson, who is authorized to issue the same to applicants. This course is taken to prevent abuses, and to enable the company to keep track of those who go to the lake to fish. The permits read as follows:

Jackson —, 1906.

We, the undersigned hereby give permission to the bearer, Mr. —, to fish in Tabaud reservoir, on the date above written.

By accepting this permit the bearer agrees that all fish caught, which are less than six inches in length, are to be put back into said reservoir as soon as caught, and also that hook and line will be the only means employed in catching fish; that no fires will be built in the bushes or at places where the lumber will be in danger of catching fire and that all gates will be closed, and that no damage will be done to the property of the undersigned company.

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For a Reservoir Site.

Last week a surveyor was operating around Volcano, the object being to take measurements of altitude with the view of ascertaining the availability of the Volcano basin for a reservoir. That basin has always been looked upon as one of the best reservoir sites in the county. With comparatively small cost in building dam at the canyon where the water discharges into Sutter creek, a vast lake could be created, which in depth and area would give an immense storage capacity. It is reported that there is a movement on foot in this direction, the project being to use the water for power and for domestic use for bay cities. By means of tunneling, it is believed that the water could be conveyed to the power plant at Electric. Little is being said about this matter. Naturally such a scheme is kept quiet until the proper time has arrived for publicity. Of course there would be some opposition to the conversion of Volcano townsite into a reservoir. Sentimental objections would be raised, and sanitary reasons would be urged against such a scheme. These, however, are not considered weighty, and after all it is not improbable that something practical in this direction will be developed in the near future.

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Death Accelerated by Overstudy.

The demise of M. Frances Dooley, a bright miss of 14 years, which occurred in Ione on Saturday last is a lamentable affair, attributable as it is from the effects of overstudy. The facts, as detailed by the attending physician, are about as follows. For a few days prior to the time fixed for examination of applicants for graduation from the grammar school, Miss Dooley, had been sick, but not sufficiently so to confine her closely to bed. She was a bright scholar, and was a candidate for graduation. She concluded notwithstanding her indisposition, to go through the examination, and got up from her bed so to do. She was successful, passing a highly creditable examination, and was awarded her diploma. At the conclusion thereof, she had to take to her bed, and the symptoms rapidly developed into a grave case of typhoid fever, accompanied with severe delirium. Death intervened on Saturday last, a week or so after the examination. It is not claimed that the mental strain incident to the examination is entirely responsible for the fatality, at the same time there seems to be little doubt that the ordeal itself and the preparation therefor was one of the contributory causes of the young lady's premature death. The sad affair has cast a gloom over the valley town.

Fishing Party.

The largest party of anglers that has visited the reservoir of the Standard Electric Company, known as Lake Tabaud, left Jackson last Sunday, and spent the whole day in the fascinating sport of catching black bass, with which the lake abounds. Unlike the experience of those who fished there for the first few days, they reported that the bass took the bait readily, and the result was a very good catch and plenty of sport. The party consisted of nearly twenty persons, requiring three vehicles to convey them. They were Dr. L. E. Phillips and wife, Judge R. C. Rust, Mrs. Rust and son, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Vicini, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Mrs. Fitch, Miss Gazzola, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Penry Jr.,

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Aliens for the South.

"If the south wants immigrants she will have to raise wages to the level that prevails in the north and west." This was the blunt advice given to the southern states immigration commission by Robert Watchorn, commissioner of immigration. He welcomed some thirty members of the new organization to Ellis island the other day, showed them the workings of the place and told them what they would have to expect in the attempt to deflect immigration toward the south, says the New York Times.

"You may think that immigrants come to this country without knowing where they are going," said commissioner Watchorn, "and that you can get them as they land from the boats. It is not so. Out of every 400 that come here 390 know exactly where they are going. If you try to make them change their minds by telling them how superior the south is they are apt to think you are 'confidence men.' If you don't believe it just come down stairs and see how many you can persuade to alter their course."

The commissioner and the visitors trooped into the "railroad room," where dozens of swarthy Europeans were waiting to be shipped off. The Louisiana representative approached a staring Italian, and the other southerners crowded around to listen. "What" is your business? asked the Louisiana man through the interpreter.

"Bricklayer," answered the Italian.

Then the southerner began to tell of the manifold advantages of living in Louisiana, how an immigrant could get ten acres of land, a house, farming implements and many other things.

The Italian listened stolidly. When he had heard the tale to the end he said:

"Farming—it is not my business."

That was all he had to say. The man from Louisiana said he hadn't had a fair chance. He was looking for a farmer. Commissioner Watchorn found five Greek farmers all in a row.

To one of them, who said he was bound west to meet a cousin, was told the manifold advantages of Louisiana. The interpreter told him about the pigs and the cows and the green grass and the kind treatment he would get. Looking the stout man from Louisiana, the Greek asked abruptly:

"Who are you? Whom do you represent?"

The answer did not make the foreigner enthusiastic.

"I'll go to my cousin," he announced.

"That's the way it is with 399 out of 400," said Watchorn. "The best chance you have is to get them after they reach their destination—if they are disillusioned."

Several immigrants who had been excluded by the board of special inquiry were brought in to the commissioner's office on appeal, so that the visitors could see how the system worked. Three little Swedes, a boy of fourteen and twins of eleven, were the first comers. Their brother wanted them in Minnesota, but his affidavit had not satisfied the board. When they filed in a big Georgian said:

"I'll take 'em right now."

"I'll give 'em a home and take care of 'em," volunteered a Tennesseean.

Their offers were not in order, though, and the commissioner proceeded to question the children. Finally he decided to overrule the board's decision, and let them go to Minnesota. That pleased the audience, and everybody applauded. The immigrants who followed the Swedes, though, were evidently unfit, and the board's decisions were upheld.

Luncheon was served on the Ellis island garden, which is the coolest anywhere round New York city. Then the commissioner told the southern states immigration commission that he would always aid them in their work, and he invited them to visit Ellis island whenever they could. They left vowing that Robert Watchorn was unsurpassed both as an official and a host.—Acheson Globe.

The Newest Statesman.

It is admitted that W. J. Bryan will be nominated by the democrats for president. It is probable that W. R. Hearst will be the democratic nominee for vice president. The Kansas City Journal says of him:

"Hearst is an anomaly. Firmly entrenched behind his money bags, and relying upon his gold and his yellow newspapers to accomplish his purposes, he yet advocates social dissolution, and is bending every influence at his command to bring about chaos in this country. He stands as the demigod of destruction. He lends his name to every form of discontent that seeks his patronage. It makes no difference whether it is the 'Municipal Ownership party,' the 'Independent League,' the 'Liberty party,' or plain out-and-out socialism, he is always ready to welcome the leaders to his banner, and all this conglomeration is recognized generally as the 'Hearst party.'"

Man is the merriest of all the species of creation. Above and below him all are serious.—Addison.

MADE FROM NATIVE ROOTS. SAFE AND RELIABLE.

That the roots of many native plants, growing wild in our American forests, possess remarkable properties for the cure of human maladies is well known. Even the untutored Indian has learned the value of some of these roots, and taught the early settlers their uses. The Indian never liked work so he wanted his money for some other reason. He might do the work and let him bust. Therefore, he dug "papoose root" for her, for that was their great remedy for female weakness. Dr. Pierce uses the same root—called Blue Cohosh—in his Favorite Prescription. It is a more effective than any other medicine in curing all the various weaknesses and painful derangements peculiar to women.

Many afflicted women have been saved from the operating table and the surgeon's knife by the timely use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Tendency over the lower pelvic region, with backache, spells of dizziness, faintness, bearing down pains or distress should be guarded. A course of "Favorite Prescription" will work marvelous benefit in all cases, and generally effect a permanent cure if persisted in for a reasonable length of time. The "Favorite Prescription" is a harmless agent, being wholly prepared from native medicinal roots, without a drop of alcohol in its make up, whereas all other medicines, put up for sale through druggists for women's peculiar ailments, contain large quantities of spirituous liquors, which are harmful, especially to delicate women. "Favorite Prescription" contains neither alcohol nor harmful habit-forming drugs. All its ingredients are printed on each bottle wrapper. It is a powerful invigorating tonic, imparting health and strength in particular to the organs distinctly feminine. For weak and sickly women, who are "worn-out," or debilitated, especially for women who work in stores, office, or elsewhere, who sit at the typewriter or sewing machine, or bear heavy household burdens, and for nursing mothers, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will prove a priceless benefit because of its health-restoring and strength-giving power.

For constipation, the true, scientific cure is Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Mild, harmless, yet sure.

Abusing Public Utilities.

You abuse the railroads and the refrigerator car lines, and the packing companies, but, as a matter of common sense, what would we do without them? Where would the west have been without the railroads? What would become of the farmers of Atchison county if the railroads would stop hauling their stock to the packing houses? Atchison county cattle are shipped to Kansas City or St. Joe, killed, packed in refrigerator cars and sent to the eastern states for consumption. What would become of the berry raisers around Wathena if there were no railroads equipped with refrigerator cars? Though the winter we eat fresh vegetables and fruits from warmer regions by the grace of refrigerator cars and railroads. Poultry and poultry products never brought better price than they do now, all because the railroads and their refrigerator cars open a market for them. You cuss the sugar trust. The writer remembers very distinctly of being sent to a country store with twenty-five cents to buy two pounds of coffee sugar, and it was thought to be very cheap, because not long before that, it was seventeen cents a pound. Don't be a fool about these things. Figure out it and see if you are not a whole lot better off than you imagine you are, and that the railroads and the packing houses are not running the country to the devil near as fast as you think.—Atchison Globe.

ONE TIME.

From the Echo

When the time came for the arraignment of J. H. Vioussoux on the complaint charging him with misdemeanor, for having sold alcoholic liquor to Eric Schmidt, he appeared in court and said he was not ready to plead, because he desired the advice of his attorney before entering his plea. The court granted him 25 minutes, or until 11 o'clock, in which to communicate with his attorney by phone, ordering the constable to accompany the defendant to the telephone office for that purpose. Constable Kelly returned in a few moments with the message that "they have been calling the judge at the telephone for half an hour!" The court then went to the telephone and in a few minutes returned and stated that a demurrer had been presented by mail by the attorney for the defense, without argument, by stipulation; that the court would rule on the demurrer on Wednesday and notify both attorneys in the case, by mail. On Wednesday the court overruled the demurrer and notified the attorney to that effect. The further hearing on the case will be at a date to be set by the court on hearing from the attorneys in the matter.

E. F. Forbes, who is an expert miner, is engaged, with two of his sons, in mining clay on Jake Newman's place, up the I. & E. road, for shipment. This property promises to become a valuable adjunct to the resources of Ione. The clay is of good quality and there will likely be a big demand for it.

Sunday evening Rev. Wm. Hicks delivered his last sermon as pastor of the Presbyterian church in Ione, his resignation taking place the last of the month. On that occasion the Methodist Episcopal congregation joined with the Presbyterian friends in their farewell to their pastor.

You cannot induce a lower animal to eat heartily when not feeling well. A sick dog starves himself, and gets well. The stomach once overworked, it takes time to get it back to normal. You don't have to starve to rest your stomach. Kodol for dyspepsia takes up the work for your stomach, digests what you eat and gives it a rest. Puts it back in condition again. You don't feel good with a disordered stomach. Try Kodol. Sold by F. W. Rubner.

CLIMATE AND SPEECH.

Soft Language and Tropical Weather Seem to Go Together.

Cutniss preponderate in Norway and Russia whereas far to the southward in sunny Italy there is a preponderance of such euphonious names as Palermo, Verona, Campobello, etc. Even in the British Isles, covering so few degrees of latitude, there is a marked difference between the "bur" of the Highlander and the soft speech of the native of southern England.

A theory which may partly account for these climatic effects is based upon the contrast of the stillness which usually pervades mountainous lands with the stormy turbulence of northern countries. Cloudless skies for months at a time characterize the climates of Italy, while a firmament entirely free from clouds is rare in Norway.

It requires, of course, greater effort to be heard in the regions which are swept by winds and storms than in still southern latitudes, and to be heard distinctly amid the noise and confusion of the elements words must be used which contain many consonants.

Among the inhabitants of more tropical climes the tendency is toward soft and musical cadence, and travelers relate that in regions in South America, such as Peru and Venezuela, where atmospheric disturbances are rare, the natives almost chant the phrases of salutation.—London Saturday Review.

BABIES IN HOLES.

Where Uganda Infants Rest While Their Mothers Hoe.

I have gone into a field in Uganda and there found one of our women at work with a hoe, writes a missionary sister in Donahoe's. I asked her where her baby Maria was, and she pointed to a spot at some distance where the banana trees were thick. I walked under the shade, and in vain I sought the infant. The mother was greatly amused and urged me to search further, assuring me that the little one was not far away and was fast asleep. I had to "give up," so the mother took me by the hand and led me to a bit of bark cloth on the ground. Under this rag was the crown of the baby's head, while the body was in a hole deep enough for the feet to rest on the ground. To my surprise and expostulations she said in her own language:

"This is a good custom. When a Uganda woman goes to hoe it is not good for her baby to lie asleep on the ground, as it might injure itself by rolling, or, if it awakes, it might crawl away. Therefore we make a hole like this and line it with soft, clean leaves and put our baby safely into it so that it can neither crawl out nor roll away, and we know exactly where to find it when we come from the fields." She said it was perfectly safe from wild beasts, because it was midday.

In the High Sierras.

Coming down from the high Sierras into the Yosemite valley one passes from almost arctic cold to the warmth of the late spring, and the difference in temperature is easily traceable by the character of the foliage. On the high peaks no green thing flourishes. Gradually stunted pines and tamaracs appear, and still lower the maple and laurel are just beginning to unfold their leaves, and then in a half a day's journey the wild flowers come. Hundreds and hundreds of them of all shapes and colors are found here, and as you approach the rim of the wonderful Yosemite the air is heavy laden with the scent of the azaleas, and the trail is lined with wild lilac, wild cherry and dogwood—a perfect riot of flowering shrubbery.—Recreation.

The Reproof.

During the French revolution a priest rode in a tumbrel to the guillotine with two persons—one a marquis, the other a common thief. The curd joined through the crowded streets the citizens shouted maledictions on its occupants.

"Down with you, beasts of the aristocracy!"

The marquis smiled proudly, but the criminal was vexed.

"My good friends," he cried, "I am no aristocrat. I am a thief."

That the priest touched his arm gently, murmuring:

"Ah, my son, this is no time for vanity!"

Cesar's Appearance.

Julius Caesar was a thin man, tall and with a very wrinkled, scamy countenance. His forehead was broad and full of wrinkles. His eyes were not large, but described an exceedingly bright and quick. His nose was of more than usual size and his chin full and prominent. He walked with a slight, scholarly stoop in his shoulders. His ears stood out well from his head, and his hair was always cut close. Early in life he became bald.

Notice of Sale of Delinquent Stock.

of the Jose Gulch Mining Company a corporation organized under the laws of the state of California, having its office and principal place of business at Butte Basin, Amador county, California, do hereby give notice that the following delinquent stockholders, as follows:

Name. No. Cert. No. Shares Amt. Due.

C. M. Fuhrman..... 24 30 \$ 10.40

C. M. Fuhrman..... 25 30 1.00

F. M. Farwell..... 133 30 15.00

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Sweet to the Palate's Touch and
Snowy White

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Magazine Section.

JACKSON, AMADOR COUNTY, CAL., JUNE 29, 1906.

NELLIE GRANT SARTORIS.

SKETCH OF THE LOVELY WHITE HOUSE BRIDE OF THE DAYS OF GENERAL GRANT.

She Met Algernon Sartoris, Her
Future Husband, on Shipboard on
Return European Trip—Is Mother
of Three Children.

No American girl, not even President
Roosevelt's daughter, ever had a more
brilliant wedding than Nellie Grant,
the beloved child of the great Civil
War hero; yet of late years the public,
which has always taken a kindly inter-
est in Gen. Grant's family, has heard
comparatively little of his only daugh-
ter.

When Mrs. Julia Dent Grant, widow
of the President, was living, her
daughter spent much time with her
mother at the latter's home in the city
of Washington, but since the death of
her mother Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris
can scarcely be said to have had a fixed
residence in any American city. How-
ever, she has always been very fond
of St. Louis, and she made her home in
the Missouri metropolis during most of
the time the recent World's Fair was
in progress there.

Possibly the liking of Mrs. Sartoris
for St. Louis is to be attributed to the
fact that her birth, in August, 1855,
occurred at her Grandfather Dent's
country home near St. Louis, the birth-
place of her mother. When General
Grant was elected President, and in-
deed during the first three years that
he and his wife lived at the White
House, the daughter was at school.
Toward the close of President Grant's
first term, however, Miss Nellie made
her social debut at the Presidential
mansion, and her cadet brother, home
from West Point, was her escort and
companion.

MET PRINCE CHARMING.

General Grant's daughter made a
tour of Europe soon after she formally
entered society, and everywhere re-
ceived the most distinguished atten-
tions from the royal families of Great
Britain and the Continent. On the
way home on the steamer Russia she
met Mr. Sartoris, the Prince Charming
who was later to win her heart and
hand. From the moment that the en-
gagement of Miss Grant was an-
nounced the whole American people
manifested an interest in the bride-to-
be which never found a parallel save
in the enthusiasm for Alice Roosevelt.

The fact that the lucky man was an
Englishman and not a citizen of the
republic, while it was a matter of deep
regret to many persons, including
President Grant himself, was not al-
lowed to cast a damper upon the joyous
occasion. Mr. Algernon Sartoris was
but twenty-three years of age and Miss
Grant was only nineteen when, on
Thursday, May 21, 1874, they were

Mrs. Grant accompanied the young
couple to New York, whence they
sailed for England.

BLESSED WITH CHILDREN.

Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris had three
children, two daughters and a son.
The son, who bears his father's name,
Algernon, was for a time an officer in
the United States army and saw some
service in the Philippines, but his
health compelled the abandonment of
a military career. During the past
few years he has traveled extensively,
and some months ago was married to
a very beautiful young woman in
Paris. The eldest daughter, Vivian,
was married a year or two since, but
the younger daughter, Rosemary, the
beauty of the family, is still unmarried.
Some months since much discussion
was precipitated when it was rumored
that she was engaged to the son of
one of the Confederate generals who
fought against General Grant in the
campaigns of the Civil War.

Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris is a
woman who has always been held in
high esteem by a large circle of femi-
nine friends. From her school days
she has seemed to inspire the regard
of members of her own sex, and some
idea of her popularity may be formed
from the fact that on the occasion of
her wedding she was attended by
eighteen bridesmaids, all gowned alike.
Mrs. Sartoris is several years younger
than her famous brother, Gen. Fred
D. Grant, of the United States Army,
but her birthday was three years ear-
lier than that of Jesse Grant, the
youngest member of this famous fami-
ly.

A LUXURIOUS AUTO.

Capt. Lars Anderson's Wonderful
Machine of French Manufacture.

Of all the automobiles ever turned
out by French or other manufacturers,
the one lately made for Capt. Lars
Anderson, of Boston, seems to be en-
titled to the prize for originality. It
is a huge machine fitted up for long
journeys and in point of speed equals
any of the present-day touring cars.

The Anderson car is fitted out with
reversible furniture. There is a com-
bination bed and bureau that is cer-
tainly a work of art, and then there
is a cook stove and dining table ar-
rangement that can be hauled out at
a moment's notice. The whole ma-
chine, in fact, is a kind of miniature
hotel on wheels with accommodations
for eating, sleeping, working or idling,
according to the fancy of the owner
or his guests.

A Family Affair.

"Once upon a time there lived a
good man of New York, who was
soliciting contributions for the erection
of an orphan asylum," said the story
teller. "He had been to many rich
people and received liberal contri-

BEET-SUGAR GROWING.

GOVERNMENT REPORT SHOWS HEALTHY GROWTH IN NEW AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

Colorado Leads—Industry Every-
Where Proving a Powerful Aid to
Agricultural, Industrial and Social
Development.

In spite of apparent efforts to cri-
ple or kill it off, the beet-sugar in-
dustry of the United States is making
steady progress.

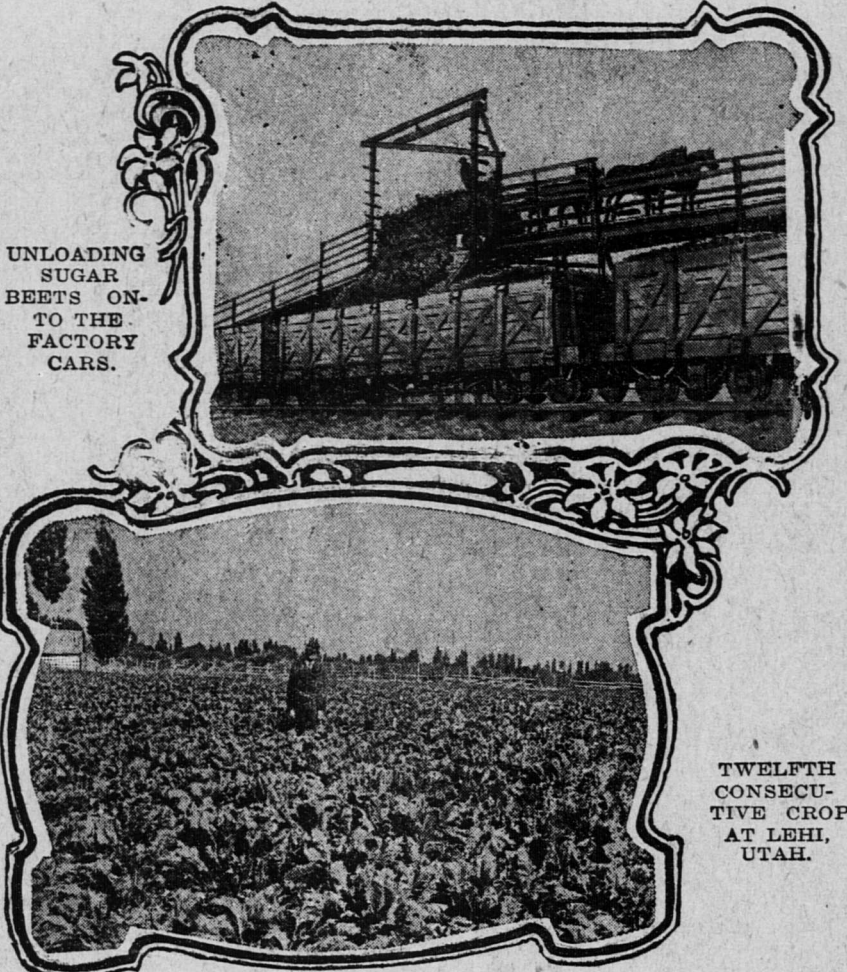
Congress has just received the an-
nual report of Special Agent Charles
F. Saylor of the Department of Agri-
culture on the status of the beet-sugar
industry for last year. Fifty-two
beet-sugar factories were in operation,
5 were standing idle, and 12 were be-
ing constructed for operation this

This showing of the Department of
Agriculture, while it makes a com-
paratively small inroad upon the vast
consumption of sugar in the more
densely populated region east of the
Mississippi, yet indicates that the
young beet-sugar industry is making
substantial progress, and that con-
sidering the uncertainty of legislation
and the great cost of beet-sugar fac-
tory investments, very satisfactory ad-
vances are being made in this new
American enterprise.

TEN ACRE FARMS.

Pending Bill Allows Government to
Cut up Homesteads into Small
Tracts.

The tendency of the times is to en-
courage better farming and in smaller
areas. It is coming to be recognized
that the proportion is small of farms
which are thoroughly tilled and made



year. The factories last year had a
total capacity for slicing 40,050 tons
of beets daily.

In the acreage planted and the
sugar manufactured from beets Colo-
rado leads, having invested \$5,000
acres and manufactured 91,000 tons
of sugar. Michigan came second in
acreage with 77,000 acres, but third
in sugar with 66,000 tons. California
grew 51,000 acres and produced 73-
000 tons of sugar. The next states in
order were respectively Utah, Idaho,
Nebraska and Wisconsin with a total
of 71,000 acres and 64,000 tons of
sugar. Other states grew 17,000 acres
of beets, producing about 17,000 tons
of sugar, or a total for the United
States of 307,364 acres with a produc-
tion of 312,920 tons of sugar.

RAPID GROWTH LOOKED FOR.

Indications are favorable, the report
states, to the further growth of this
pursuit both in irrigation and rain-
fall districts. "The industry is pro-
ving to be a powerful aid to commer-
cial, agricultural and industrial de-
velopment. It promotes irrigation, im-
migration, land settlement, the build-
ing of railroads and trolley lines, the
making of other improvements, and
the upbuilding of various industrial
enterprises. Such results can only be
appreciated by those who have visited
the factory districts in Colorado,
Utah and Idaho, or in other newly
settled and improved areas throughout
the West. The beneficial effect of the
industry is also shown in the better
settled, more highly developed agri-
cultural districts of the East, where,
after beets have been given a proper
trial in competition with established
crops, they are demonstrating their
staying qualities and potency in in-
dustrial development."

GROWS MORE THAN IT EATS.

One feature of this report is a series
of tables accompanied with outline
maps designed to show graphically the
magnitude of sugar production in that
part of the country lying west of the
Mississippi River. These indicate that
the estimated production of sugar
west of the Mississippi in 1906 will ex-
ceed by 24,000 tons the amount of
sugar consumed in the same area in
1900 (the latest year for which we
have reliable census figures). The
estimate of production for 1906 is
made by assuming that all the beet-
sugar factories, including 10 new
ones, will run at their full capacity for
campaigns of 100 days, and that the
cane sugar product for 1906 will be the
same as that of last year."

TABLE SHOWING PRODUCTION
AND CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR IN
STATES WEST OF THE MISSISS-
IPPI RIVER.

	Pounds.
Estimated cane sugar, 1906..	638,880,000
Estimated beet sugar, 1906..	783,200,000

Estimated total sugar pro- duced, 1906.....	1,422,080,000
Total sugar consumed, 1900..	1,433,929,505

Excess of production over con- sumption	48,150,495
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The amount of beet-sugar which
will be produced in factories east of
the Mississippi during this year, if
run at their full capacity, will also
equal about 17 per cent. of the con-
sumption of sugar in the trans-Miss-
issippi area.

to produce the maximum yield of
which the land is capable. A few
years ago the man who would have
said that 10 acres of farm land was a
sufficient area for a man to make a
good living from would have been
looked upon as a crank. Now there
are thousands of little 10 acre and even
5 acre farms from which men are
making more money than many
others are from attempting to till 20
times that amount. That 10 acres,
under favorable conditions, will pro-
duce a living is recognized in a bill
which has just been passed by the
House of Representatives and which
will likely be passed by the Senate at
this session. It is an amendment to
the National Irrigation Law. Under
that law the homestead entry upon
public land irrigated by the govern-
ment ranges from 40 to 160 acres, to
be determined by the Secretary of the
Interior, according to the conditions of
the reclamation. It was recognized,
at the time of the passage of the law
in '02, that in some sections of the
country 40 acres was an ample area
for a farm. It is now seen, and ad-
mitted in the bill above mentioned
that 10 acres is not too small a sub-
division under favorable conditions.
Another amendment was recently
made to the irrigation law allowing
the government to establish town-sites
and divide the land thereunder up
into various sized tracts ranging
from town-lots to 10 acre allotments.
When this bill which is now before the
Senate becomes a law it will there-
fore be possible for the government,
in any of its irrigation projects to di-
vide and sub-divide its land into
town and farm units ranging all the
way from lots up to 160 acre farms.

MODEL RURAL SETTLEMENTS.

This plan will doubtless develop
some of the finest examples of pros-
perous rural communities to be found
anywhere in the world. Many of the
best developed sections of some of
the western states include great
numbers of little farms and fruit
ranches of 5, 10 and 20 acres each,
where the appearance is almost like
the outskirts of a village. With such
a dense rural population there is an
ideal combination of practically all
the advantages to be found in city
life and the splendid results of country
work and living. Houses, in such a
community, are almost within a stone-
throw of each other, the population is
sufficiently large to support splendid
roads, good school and churches, water
and lighting improvements, good
sewerage, etc. Thus the lonesome-
ness, the isolation and the many un-
attractive features of the big farm dis-
appear while yet the joys and the
wholesomeness of country life are all
present.

The report accompanying this bill
states that since the passage of the
irrigation act, it has developed that
on some of the lands to be irrigated,
particularly those in fruit and truck
farming districts, less than 40 acres
is needed for the support of the family,
and in fact experience has demon-
strated that the average farmer is
more prosperous on a small than on a
large irrigated farm. In view of this
condition of affairs it has been deemed
wise to reduce to 10 acres the mini-
mum entry which may be allowed.



CHAPTER I.

The great bell of Beaulieu was ring-
ing. Far away through the forest
might be heard its musical clangor
and swell. Peat cutters on Blackdown
and fishers upon the Exe heard the
distant throbbing and falling upon the
sultry summer air. It was a common
sound in those parts—as common as
the chatter of the jays and the boom-
ing of the bittern. Yet the fishers and
the peasants raised their heads and
looked questions at each other, for the
Angelus had already gone and Vespers
was still far off. Why should the
great bell of Beaulieu toll when the
shadows were neither short nor long?

All round the Abbey the monks
were trooping in. Under the long,
green-paved avenues of gnarled oaks
and of lichened beeches the white-
robed brothers gathered to the sound.
It had been no sudden call. A swift
messenger had the night before sped
round to the outlying dependencies of
the Abbey, and had left the summons
for every monk to be back in the
cloisters by the third hour after noon-
tide. So urgent a message had not
been issued within the memory of old
Lay-Brother Athanasius, who had
cleared the knocker since the year
after the Battle of Bannockburn.

Meanwhile, in the broad an lofty
chamber set apart for occasions of
import, the Abbot himself was pacing
impatiently backward and forward,
with his long, white, nervous hands
clapsed in front of him. His thin,
thoughtful features and sunken,
haggard cheeks bespoke one who had
indeed beaten down that inner foe
whom every man must face, but had
none the less suffered sorely in the
contest. In crushing his passions he
had well-nigh crushed himself. Yet,
frail as was his person, there gleamed
out ever and anon from under his
drooping brows a flash of fierce energy
which recalled to men's minds that he
came of a fighting stock, and that even
now his twin brother, Sir Bartholomew
Berghersh, was one of the most fa-
mous of those stern warriors who had
planted the Cross of St George before
the gates of Paris. With lips com-
pressed and clouded brow, he strode
up and down the oaken floor, the very
impersonation of asceticism, while the
great bell still thundered and
clanged above his head. At last the
uproar died away in three last meas-
ured throbs, and ere their echo had
ceased the Abbot struck a small gong
which summoned a lay-brother to his
presence.

"Where is the master of the nov-
ices?"

"He is without, most holy father."

"Send him hither."

The sandalled feet clattered over the
wooden floor, and the iron-bound
door creaked upon its hinges. In a
few moments it opened again to ad-
mit a short, square monk with a
heavy, composed face and authori-
tative manner.

"You have sent for me, holy
father?"

"Yes, Brother Jerome, I wish that
this matter be disposed of with as
little scandal as may be; and yet it is
needful that the example should be a
public one."

"It would perchance be best that the
novices be not admitted," suggested the
master. "This mention of a woman
may turn their minds from their pious
meditations to worldly and evil
thoughts."

"Woman! woman!" groaned the
Abbot. "Well has the holy Chrys-

ostom termed them radix malorum.
From Eve downward, what good hath
come from any of them? Who brings
the plaint?"

"It is Brother Ambrose."

"A holy and devout young man."

"A light and a pattern to every nov-
ice."

"Let the matter be brought to an
issue, then, according to our old-time
monastic habit. Bid the chancellor
and the sub-chancellor lead in the
brothers according to age, together
with Brother John the accused and
Brother Ambrose the accuser."

"And the novices?"

"Let them bide in the north alley
of the cloister. Stay! Bid the sub-
chancellor send out to them Thomas
the lector to read unto them from the
'Gesta beati Benedicti.' It may save
them from foolish and pernicious
babbling."

The Abbot was left to himself once
more, and bent his thin gray face over
his illuminated breviary. So he re-
mained while the senior monks filed
slowly and sedately into the chamber,
seating themselves upon the long
oaken benches which lined the wall
on either side. At the further end, in
two high chairs as large as that of the
Abbot, though hardly so elaborately
carved, sat the master of the novices
and the chancellor, the latter a broad
and portly priest, with dark, mirth-
ful eyes and a thick outgrowth of
crisp black hair all round his tanned
head. Between them stood a lean,
white-faced brother who appeared to
be ill at ease, shifting his feet from
side to side and tapping his chin with
the long parchment roll which he held
in his hand. The Abbot, from his
point of vantage, looked down on the
two long lines of faces, placid and sun-
browned for the most part, with the
large bovine eyes and unlined features

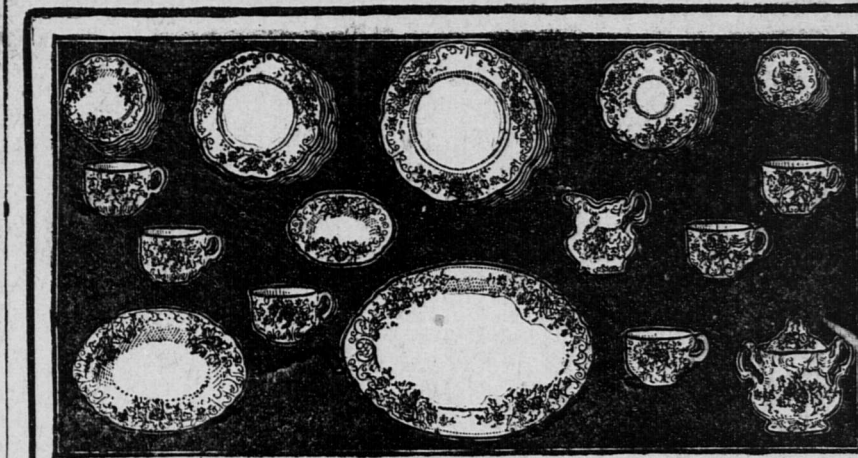


HORDLE JOHN.

which told of their easy, unchanging
existence. Then he turned his eager
gaze upon the pale-faced monk who
faced him.

"This plaint is thine, as I learn,
Brother Ambrose," said he. "Bring
in Brother John, and let him hear the
plaints urged against him."

At this order a lay-brother swung
open the door, and two other lay-
brothers entered, leading between
them a young novice of the order.
He was a man of huge stature, dark-
eyed and red-headed, with a peculiar
half humorous, half defiant expression
upon his bold, well-marked features.
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shoulders, and his gown, unfastened



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after the wedding his brother in Eng-
land died most unexpectedly and he
was virtually obliged to return to his
native land to assume the management
of the family estates. President and

butions, which were entered in a book
he had for that purpose. Among these
many names there appeared. "Mrs.
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went to Mr. Sage's office, and showing
him the contribution entered in the
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not give a like sum. And what do you
suppose he did?"

"Well, I suppose he at least doubled
it," remarked a listener.

"Doubled it! Not Russell!" ex-
claimed the teller of the story. "Why,
he simply took his pen and wrote
'Mr. and' before his wife's name, and
handed the book back to the good
man."—Harpers Weekly.

The railway ton mileage of the
South in 1882 was one-eighteenth of
the whole and in 1905 was one-seventh.

at the top, disclosed a round sinewy neck, ruddy and corded like the bark of the fir. Thick muscular arms, covered with a reddish down, protruded from the wide sleeves of his habit, while his white shirt, looped up upon one side, gave a glimpse of a huge knotty leg, scarred and torn with the scratches of brambles. With a bow to the Abbot, which had in it perhaps more piousantry than reverence, the novice strode across to the carved prie-dieu which had been set apart for him, and stood silent and erect, with his hand upon the gold bell which was used in the private prisons of the Abbot's own household. His dark eyes glanced rapidly over the assembly, and finally settled with a grim and menacing twinkle upon the face of his accuser.

The chamberlain rose, and having slowly unrolled the parchment-scroll, proceeded to read it out in a thick and pompous voice, while a subdued rustle and movement among the brothers bespoke the interest with which they followed the proceedings.

"Charges brought upon the second Thursday after the feast of the Assumption, in the year of our Lord thirteen hundred and sixty-six, against Brother John, formerly known as Hordie John, or John of Hordie, but now a novice in the holy monastic order of the Cistercians. Read upon the same day at the Abbey of Beaulieu in the presence of the most reverend Abbot Berghersh and of the assembled order.

"The charges against the said Brother John are the following, namely, to wit:

"First, that on the above-mentioned feast of the Assumption, small beer having been served to the novices in the proportion of one quart to each four, the said Brother John did drain the pot at one draught, to the detriment of Brother Paul, Brother Porphyry, and Brother Ambrose, who could scarce eat their none-meat of salted stock-fish, on account of their exceeding dryness."

At this solemn indictment the novice raised his hand and twitched his lip, while even the placid senior brothers glanced across at each other and coughed to cover their amusement. The Abbot alone sat gray and immutable, with a drawn face and a brooding eye.

"Item, that having been told by the master of the novices that he should restrict his food for two days to a single three-pound loaf of bran and beans, for the greater honoring and glorifying of St. Monica, mother of the holy Augustine, he was heard by brother Ambrose and others to say



WITH A SHOUT HE TORE UP THE HEAVY OAKEN PRIEDIEU.

that he wished twenty thousand devils would fly away with the said Monica, mother of the holy Augustine, or any other saint who came between a man and his meat. Item, that upon Brother Ambrose reproving him for his blasphemous wish, he did hold the said brother face downward over the piscatorium or fish-pond for a space during which the said brother was able to repeat a Pater and four Aves for the better fortifying of his soul against impending death."

There was a buzz and murmur among the white-frocked brethren at this grave charge; but the Abbot held up his long quivering hand. "What then?" said he.

"Item, that between Nones and Vespers on the feast of James the Less the said Brother John was observed upon the Brokenhurst road, near the spot which is known as Hatchett's Pond, in converse with a person of the other sex, being a maiden of the name of Mary Sowley, the daughter of the king's verderer. Item, that after sundry japes and jokes the said Brother John did lift up the said Mary Sowley and did take, carry, and convey her across a stream, to the infinite relish of the devil and the exceeding detriment of his own soul, which scandalous and wilful falling away was witnessed by three members of our order."

A dead silence throughout the room, with a rolling of heads and upturning of eyes, bespoke the pious horror of the community. The Abbot drew his gray brows low over his fiercely questioning eyes.

"Who can vouch for this thing?" he asked.

"That can I," answered the accuser. "So too can Brother Porphyry, who was with me, and Brother Mark of the Spicarium, who hath been so much stirred and inwardly troubled by the sight that he now lies in a fever through it."

"And the woman?" asked the Abbot. "Did she not break into lamentation and woe that a brother should so demean himself?"

"Nay, she smiled sweetly upon him and thanked him. I can vouch it, and so can Brother Porphyry."

"Canst thou?" cried the Abbot, in a high, tempestuous tone. "Canst thou so? Hast forgotten that the five-and-thirtieth rule of the order is that in the presence of a woman the face should be ever averted and the eyes cast down? Hast forgot it, I say?

resurrection so sudden, so short, and so successful. Let the Abbot, Berghersh was a man of too much to allow one bold outbreak to disturb the settled order of his great household. In a few hot and bitter words he compared their false brother's exit to the expulsion of our first parents from the garden, and more than hinted that unless a reformation occurred some others of the community might and themselves in the same evil and perilous case. Having thus pointed the moral and reduced his flock to a fitting state of docility, he dismissed them once more to their labors and withdrew himself to his own private chamber, there to seek spiritual aid in the discharge of the duties of his high office.

The Abbot was still on his knees, when a gentle tapping at the door of his cell broke in upon his orisons. Rising in no very good humor at the interruption, he gave the word to enter; but his look of impatience softened down into a pleasant and paternal smile as his eyes fell upon his visitor.

He was a thin-faced, yellow-haired youth, rather above the middle size, comely and well shapen, with straight lithe figure and eager boyish features. His clear, pensive gray eye, and quick, delicate expression, spoke of a nature which had unfolded far from the boisterous joys and sorrows of the world. Yet there was a set of the mouth and a prominence of the chin which relieved him of any trace of effeminacy. Impulsive he might be, enthusiastic, sensitive, with something sympathetic and adaptive in his disposition, but an observer of nature's positions would have confidently pledged himself that there was native firmness and strength underlying his gentle, monk-bred ways.

The youth was not clad in monastic garb, but in lay attire, though his jerkin, cloak and hose were all of a sombre hue, as befitted one who dwelt in sacred precincts. A broad leather strap hanging from his shoulder supported a scrip or satchel such as travellers were wont to carry. In one hand he grasped a thick staff pointed and short with metal, while in the other he held his coil or bonnet, which bore in its front a broad pewter medal stamped with the image of Our Lady of Rocamadour.

"Art ready, then, fair son?" said the Abbot. "This is indeed a day of comings and goings. It is strange that in one twelve hours the Abbey should have cast off its foulest weed, and should now lose what we are fain to look upon as our choicest blossom."

"You speak too kindly, father," the youth answered. "If I had my will I should never go forth, but should end my days here in Beaulieu. It hath been my home as far back as my mind can carry me, and it is a sore thing for me to have to leave it."

"Life brings many a cross," said the Abbot gently. "Who is without them? Your going forth is a grief to us as

then, with a lighter heart and a stouter courage that the young man turned from the Abbot's room, while the latter, following him to the stair-head, finally commended him to the protection of the holy Julian, patron of travellers.

Underneath, in the porch of the Abbey, the monks had gathered to give him a last God-speed. Many had brought some parting token by which he should remember them. There was Brother Bartholomew with a crucifix of rare carved ivory, and Brother Luke with a white-backed psalter adorned with golden bees and Brother Francis with the "Slayn" of the Innocents' most daintily etched upon vellum. All these were duly packed away deep in the traveller's scrip, and above them old pippin-faced Brother Athanasius had placed a parcel of simnel bread and rammel cheese, with a small flask of the famous blue-sealed Abbey wine. So, amid handshakings and laughings and blessings, Alleyn Edricson turned his back upon Beaulieu.

At the turn of the road he stopped and gazed back. There was the wide-spread building which he knew so well, the Abbot's house, the long church, the cloister, the river line of water all bathed and mellowed in the evening sun. There too was the broad sweep of the river Exe, the old stone well, the canopied niche of the Virgin, and in the centre of it, the cluster of white-robed figures who waved their hands to him. A sudden mist swam up before the young man's eyes, and he turned away upon his journey with a heavy heart and a choking throat.

It is not, however, in the nature of things that a lad of twenty, with young life glowing in his veins and all the wide world before him, should spend his first hours of freedom in mourning of what he had left. Long ere Alleyn was out of sound of the Beaulieu bells he was striding sturdily along, swinging his staff and whistling as merrily as the birds in the thicket.

The road along which he travelled was scarce as populous as most other roads in the kingdom, and far less so than those which lie between the larger towns. Yet from time to time the boy met other wayfarers, and more than once was overtaken by strings of pack-mules and horsemen journeying in the same direction as himself.

The night had already fallen, and the moon was shining between the rifts of ragged, drifting clouds, before Alleyn Edricson, footsore and weary from the unwonted exercise found himself in front of the forest inn, which stood upon the outskirts of Lyndhurst. The building was long and low, standing back a little from the road, with two flambeaux blazing on either side of the door as a welcome to the traveller. From one window there thrust forth a long pole with a bunch of greenery tied to the end of it, a sign that liquor was to be sold within. As Alleyn walked up to it he perceived that it was rudely fashioned out of beams of wood, with twinkling lights all over where the glow from within shone through the chinks. The roof was poor and thatched; but in strange contrast to it there ran all along under the eaves a line of wooden shields, most gorgeously painted with chevrons, bend, and saltire and every heraldic device. By the door a horse stood tethered, the ruddy glow beating strongly upon his brown head and patient eyes, while his body stood back in the shadow.

Alleyn stood still in the roadway for a few minutes, reflecting upon what he should do. It was, he knew, only a few miles further to Minstead, where his brother dwelt. On the other hand, he had never seen this brother since childhood, and the reports which had come to his ears concerning him were seldom to his advantage. By all accounts he was a hard and a bitter man. It might be an evil star to come to his door so late and claim the shelter of his roof. Better to sleep here at this inn, and then travel on to Minstead in the morning. If his brother would take him in, well and good. He would bide with him for a time and do what he might to serve him. If, on the other hand, he should have lardened his heart against him, he could only go on his way and do the best he might by his skill as a craftsman and a scrivener. At the end of a year he would be free to return to the cloisters, for such had been his father's request. A monkish upbringing, one year in the world after the age of twenty, and then a free selection one way or the other—it was a strange course which had been marked out for him. Such as it was, however, he had no choice but to follow it, and if he were to begin by making a friend of his brother, he had best wait until morning before he knocked at his dwelling. The rude plank door of the inn was ajar, but as Alleyn approached it there came from within such a gust of rough laughter and catter of tongues that he stood irresolute upon the threshold. Summoning courage, however, and reflecting that it was a public dwelling, in which he had as much right as any other man, he pushed it open and stepped into the common room.

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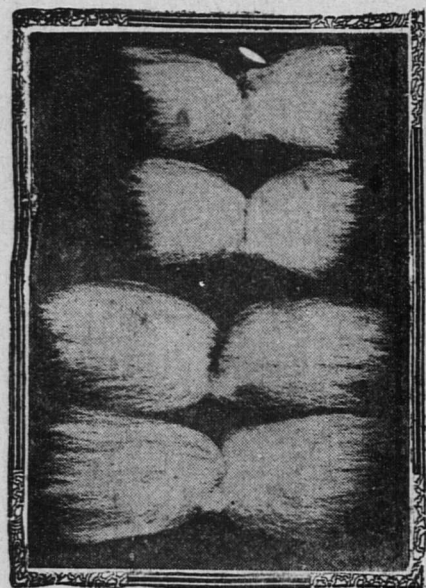
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tural Department is certain. But there are always the factors of ignorance, indifference and prejudice to be reckoned with, and that will hold down the grand total of the advance.

This is human nature. Otherwise every one would be raising thoroughbred stock, cats and chickens, which cost no more to feed and rear than scrubs, but everyone does not breed thoroughbreds, whether they be dogs or cows, and so it is a certainty that when the average of the cotton crop is vastly improved by the use of better seed there will be a large number of planters who are sticking to the old methods and complaining because they find it hard to make a living.

SEVERAL NEW STRAINS.

It is a fact, however, that the Department of Agriculture has, by several years of persistent work, bred from the old varieties of cotton raised in the south several new strains of cotton that, while having all the desirable qualities of the old types, produce a staple that is almost a half longer. It is just one branch of the general industry of plant breeding, and the result, as shown by the cotton itself combed out in fleecy whiteness on a black card, is a striking object lesson in the possibilities of plant breeding.

The Department has been at the work for some years, and in the course of its experiments has handled thousands of samples and hundreds of thousands of individual plants in making the selections that are now considered good enough to be sent out as new fixed types. The story of this improvement is a long one, interspersed with many disappointments. But the result now is success beyond contradiction. Northerners, people who live outside the cotton belt, do not realize just what a long staple cotton grown on the uplands means. Cotton is our principal export crop. It is the second most valuable crop grown in the United States, corn coming first. It is the principal crop of ten states, and in large areas of these states it is almost the only crop grown. The United States furnishes five-sixths of the cotton crop of the whole world, and while there are great areas, especially in Africa, that are adaptable to cotton, there is no prospect that the United States will be overtaken as a producer for many years to come. The world's consumption of cotton and the consequent demand are increasing steadily, so that there is little prospect of over-production. All these things are in our favor. Then comes the question of improving this great crop.

Outsiders do not realize that an eighth of an inch on the length of the

more like the old upland cotton than it is like Egyptian or Sea Island.

SEEDS OF NEW TYPES.

The parent types from which it has been evolved are listed and carded in the department's collection, and each year as the fresh crops come in from the improved fields their output is carded for comparison. These new types have now reached a point where the department feels justified in sending out the new seed to the farmers. And if the farmers will take a little trouble and spend practically no money at all, they will be able to keep up the improved strains so that in a few years the American cotton crop will have been doubled in value without necessarily expanding by a single acre.

It has been tedious work, and has been carried on systematically. "Score cards" such as are used in judging at stock shows are kept. The records of the individual plants are known, the shape and opening qualities of the boll, the date of maturing, the length and firmness of the cotton fiber and the degree to which the parent plant may be depended upon to transmit its desirable qualities to its progeny. The work has been done in the open field and not in the carefully tended plots of the experiment stations. Thousands of plants have been destroyed each year, and only the best types kept. These have again been weeded out the following year, and only the best of the breed have been kept. The farmers who have been co-operating with the department in the work have been as a rule careful, enthusiastic and painstaking under the direction of the experts sent into the field by the department, and slowly but surely the length of the staple and other desirable qualities in the new cotton have increased, till the department now feels it has a new and fixed type that can be depended on to perpetuate its desirable qualities.

One thing that has been carefully observed is to keep growing the new types on the ground where they will be cultivated commercially. There are several new strains adapted to slightly different conditions of soil and climate. It has been found in the case of wheat, for example, that a strain may be improved in one locality, and that by moving it to new surroundings it shows little, if any, improvement over the local type. This error has been avoided with the new



A COTTON PLANT IMPROVED BY SELECTION.

cotton, and the department not only knows the seed that will give best results, but the condition of soil and climate that are best suited to the requirements of each strain.

IF FARMERS WILL HELP.

The farmers at large can help greatly in keeping up the work that has been given a practical start by the department. There are simple methods of seed selection that will insure a steady improvement in each successive crop, and that will prevent the crops from deteriorating. The selection of seed takes a little care and intelligence, but it is not deeply abstruse work, and the department has reduced it to simple directions that are easy for any planter to follow.

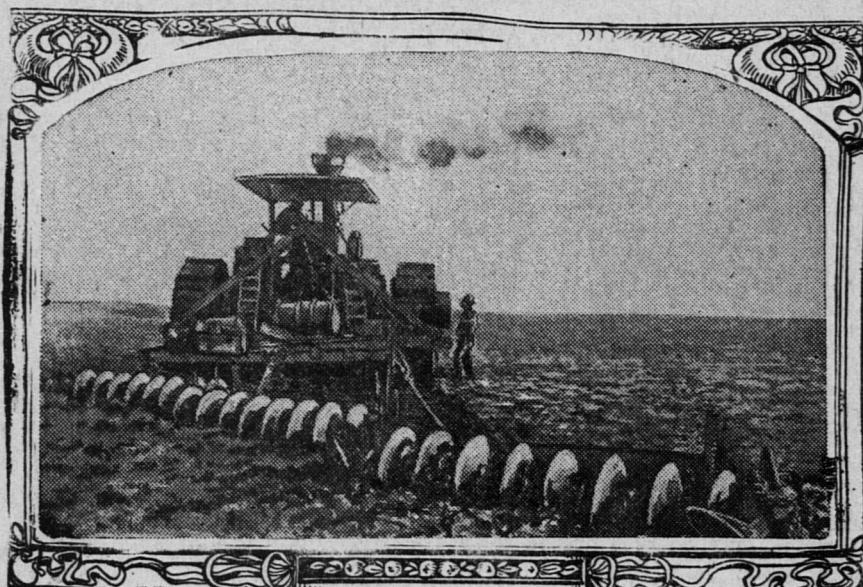
The "cotton belt," so called, in the United States is clearly defined. Cot-

ton and if the planters will co-operate with the department to even a reasonable degree the value of the whole cotton crop in the United States can be vastly enhanced without planting a single additional acre, and there will still be enough land available in the cotton belt to assure the United States of its supremacy in the cotton world for many years to come.

Cream Separator on the Farm.

It has been only a few years since the manufacturers of separators brought out hand machines with the definite purposes of making them popular and selling them in large numbers, says the Farmer's Wife in a well considered editorial. From that time to this they have gained friends, and now it is rare to hear anyone say anything against them, and when this does happen one may be sure it comes from some person who has been injured by their use, and this is never the man who provides.

The hand separator has so many advantages over the creamery separator that the whole creamery business is being revolutionized and re-



DISK PLOW DRAWN BY TRACTION ENGINE.

modeled because of these handy little machines.

It is hard to find a place to begin to enumerate their advantages. In the item of traveling to the creamery there is a great saving. Where the dairy owner has one of these machines, he need not go to the creamery more than three times a week in the warm weather and twice in a week during the colder months.

When cream only instead of the whole milk is delivered to the creamery, the item of hauling is reduced to its lowest limits. Say ten cans of milk a day is the product of a given dairy. Where a hand separator is used, haul-



ing is reduced from taking the ten cans to the creamery every day to taking two cans of cream every other day, or three cans twice a week.

The hand separator allows the dairyman to feed the skim milk to calves or pigs within a few minutes of the time it is drawn from the udder and before the natural animal heat leaves it. This saves warming the milk and allows its use when it is perfectly sweet and fresh.

The hand separator saves hauling skim milk from the creamery to the farm, and it also saves the dairyman from the risk of getting milk from diseased cows to feed to his young stock. This is not a great risk, to be sure, but it is worth considering. Tuberculous cows are frequently found in this country, and probably there is hardly a creamery among the patrons of which no cows suffering from this disease could be found. If the dairyman is sure of his own cows, the hand separator saves him from the risk of getting tuberculous milk from the mixture in the milk vat at the creamery, from which he gets his skim milk when he delivers the whole milk.

The saving in work is a large item. Instead of ten cans to care for and keep clean and free from germs, there are only two. This saves labor and the investment of money in utensils. At the low price at which hand separators are sold, one will pay for itself time and again before it wears out, on the various items of economy mentioned above.

There is another item. The hand separator is rapidly bringing about the centralization of the creamery industry. Cream gathered from hand separators is now transported as far as 200 miles to the central creamery, and here it is made into butter at much less cost than would be possible in the local creamery with a limited field in which to operate. This allows the creamery to pay a better price for butter fat and gives the dairyman more money from his cows.

The man who keeps as few as five cows will find it to his advantage to buy a hand separator, especially if he makes butter on the farm, for in such a case the saving in work is much greater than where a creamery takes the cream.

UNITED STATES RECLAMATION.

Plowing by Co-operative Traction Engines.

By C. J. Blanchard.

A million acres will be added to the cultivatable area of the country during the next three years, under the various government irrigation projects. Most of this acreage is raw land upon which the plow has never turned a furrow. Thousands of new settlers will be located there and for several years the principal work will be clearing, leveling, and plowing, to prepare the land to receive the water.

Over vast stretches the sage brush is the only vegetation. In other places the bunch grass makes a tough sod, unyielding and hard to break. The subjugation to agriculture of this new empire has attracted the attention of the manufacturers of implements and machinery. They see in this work a virgin field for the products of their factories. As most of the settlers going upon this land are not in affluent circumstances, and as feed for stock will be scarce and costly, any proposition which will eliminate the necessity for the purchase of horses, plows and forage will naturally prove interesting.

It has occurred to the writer that in

men than he in the service, but he stuck to them through thick and thin and they appreciate it." The frequency with which men state this as a reason for success is significant. It shows that the man of the hour is the faithful man, the man who makes his employers' interests his own and whose loyalty never wavers.

Associated more or less with all these requisites and overshadowing them all is hard work. "For this," said President James J. Hill of the Great Northern Railroad Company, "there is no substitute." You may be lacking in ability, in personality or some other way and still succeed; but if you have not the capacity for hard work you are doomed to failure.

Study the lives of great men and you will see in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, their achievements are due to the possession of this capacity. William E. Corey, the president of the United States Steel Corporation, attributes his first success to "not being afraid to do \$2 worth of work for \$1." When a laborer he wheeled so much more iron than the other workmen that he was soon made foreman over them. The words "hard work" come nearer to holding the key to success than volumes of advice.

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HOW TO HOLD A POSITION.

Courtesy, Promptness, Loyalty and Hard Work Are Keys to Success in Business.

By H. J. HAPGOOD, President of Hapgoods.

How to hold a position? Do just as little work as you possibly can; take no interest in the business; curse the injustice of your employers when you see younger men advanced over your head. By following these rules you may hold a position ten years, but the salary paid you and the responsibility placed upon you will be little if any greater than when you started.

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My subject is then really "success in business," and this, like success of any kind, is "untaught and unteachable." There are, however, certain valuable hints to be gained by studying the careers of men who have succeeded. Although the paths by which these men have won success are widely different, there are certain features which stand out prominently in all of them. These I believe to be the essentials for business success—promptness, courtesy, loyalty, hard work.

Promptness is the key note in this age of haste. Opportunity waits for nobody, and the man who is always a little behind time is playing a losing game. "Always there with the goods" is one of the highest tributes that can be paid a modern business man. "Having the goods" is the first consideration, but this will avail little if you are not always there with them when wanted.

In this connection a good story is told of Philip D. Armour and a young man who had just begun work for him. When on the first morning the young man reached the office at 9 o'clock, he found his employer already there at work. The next morning at 8:30 and the following morning at 8 o'clock it was the same. At last, determined for once to be there first, the new clerk was there at 7 o'clock. When he walked into the office Mr. Armour looked up from his desk and grimly inquired: "Young man, where do you spend your forenoons?"

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In the army and navy loyalty is an essential for success and it is no less so in the business world. Enthusiasm and loyalty go hand in hand; a man cannot be really interested in his work unless he has an employer to whom he is loyal. "There are many brighter

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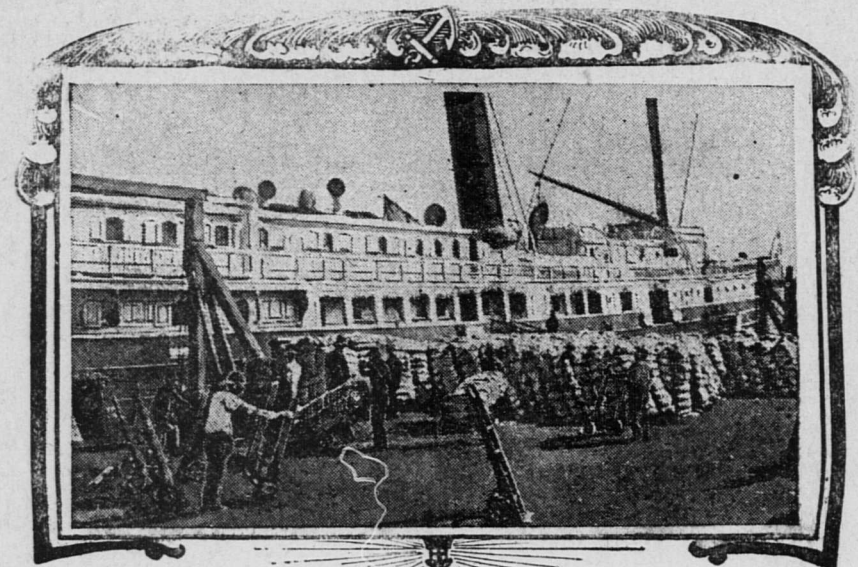
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ton is planted over the whole of it so that there is no large addition of range to the plant likely. It is true that the acreage within the belt could possibly be doubled, but that is not the thing the department is after. Good cotton land now yields 400 to 800 pounds to the acre. What the department would like is to see this yield doubled in value and in quantity. The foundation for this increase is now firmly laid,